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THIS WEEK

Philosophy Club to host an open forum

The Philosophy Club will host a forum entitled "Technology and privacy: encroachments to privacy in technological world" at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Speakers will be Fred Lamer and Daniel Smith from Northwest and James Okapal from Missouri Western State University.

Lamer receives award

Jacqueline Lamer, mass communication instructor, received the Excellence in Advertising Award from the Kansas City Ad Club.

McAdams Prescott named new Campus **Activities Director**

Angel McAdams Prescott was named the new campus activities director earlier this week. The title change from interim campus activities director to campus activities director will take effect Dec. 1.

The search has started for a new assistant campus activities director, McAdams Prescott said.

"I'm very honored to have been selected and am looking forward to the experience," she said.

Check the next edition of the Northwest Missourian for a personality profile on McAdams Prescott.

CALENDAR

Thursday

Fourth installment due

Friday Preregistration appointments for Spring 2008 end

Saturday Asian Student's Association Dinner

Monday

Alpha Sigma Alpha's Mr. Northwest 6 p.m.

INSIDE



Say a little prayer

Maryville's 'Secret Place' offers a place for faith and recollection.

See B4



Northwest's second round fate is determined Saturday. Check how Northwest ranks against each

See B1



Blue light floods Northwest students' faces as they immerse themselves in the world of "Halo 3" during last Thursday's LAN party.

Game time

See A3

WEB EXCLUSIVES

Check for a video package covering faculty and student karaoke.

Look for live audio/video slideshows featuring Maryville's war veterans.

Check for coverage following 'Family Guy' speaker Mike Henry.

Your place for breaking news

The Northwest Missourian is holding a contest for all Nwmissourinews. com subscribers. Log on and register to receive breaking news e-mails. Friday, Nov. 9, one name will be drawn to receive a free iPod.

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Tributes, medals highlight Veterans Day

By Kenny Larabee Missourian Reporter

They remembered across the country. They honored fallen soldiers with the President in Texas, they sung for heroes at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. and paid tribute to local men and women on squares and main streets all across the

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in Nodaway County, along with local residents, gathered on the Nodaway County Courthouse steps to celebrate Veterans Day Monday in Maryville.

Normally celebrated on Nov. 11, marking the German signing of the armistice

ending World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Veterans Day was observed on Nov. 12 this year, since it fell on a Sunday. The holiday celebrates the lives of those who serve and have served to protect the freedoms that so many Americans hold

musical salute to veterans by Joyce Tinsley, a firing squad salute by the Nodaway County Legion and VFW members and the playing of taps by members of the Maryville High

Nodaway County boys have been involved with wars since the county was

Tom Carneal, Historical Society and Museum Curator / Director

organized 1845."

The ceremony featured

School Band.

Don Haynes of the Post 100 Americanism Committee served as the master of ceremonies for the public observance. He also acknowledged the people who worked to bring the event together.

"I think it's something that we need to continue to do," Haynes said. "As legion members we promote Ameri-

the singing of the national anthem and a canism and involvement in these types of ceremonies just to recognize the people that have served and are served, and of course

nember of the United States Coast

orld War II, serving in an auxiliary

ricans may think of soldiers fighting

ines against the Germans when they

See VETERANS on A8

UNIVERSITY EXPANSION

Renovation begins soon Valk will house former

mod classes next fall

New

classrooms?

The lower level of Valk

will be converted into

Philosophy and Political

classrooms for the

History, Humanities,

Science Department.

The lower level will

include seven new

opened by Fall 2008.

will be able to hold

classes beginning Fall

2008, and move to the

lower level May 2009.

scheduled to begin by

the end of this month.

How much?

Lawhon Construction

of St. Joseph received

delivering the lowest big of \$2.9 million.

Other bids were in the

Construction is partially

tuition costs during the

Spring 2007 tamester.

the contract after

\$3 million range.

funded through a

Board of Regents

decision to increase

Construction is

When?

classrooms, four will be

The HHPPS department

By Shane Sherwood Chief Reporter

The modular classrooms are now gone, so it is time for construction to begin on the Valk lower level to hold classes.

The mods were removed this summer. This caused classes from the History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department to scatter all around the campus.

The department will hold classes in the lower level of Valk beginning Fall

Construction is set to begin by the end of the month. Four of the six classrooms will hold classes beginning Fall 2008. HHPPS faculty will move into the Valk lower level May 2009.

"Preconstruction for Valk begins this week, with full construction to start after Thanksgiving," Environmental Services Associate Director Dave Duvall

Northwest's Board of Regents met Oct. 26, and approved a contractor for the renovations on the Valk lower level, Ray Courter, Support Services and Finance Vice President said.

Lawhon Construction, housed in Saint Joseph, received the contract. They had the lowest bid of \$2.9 million. They beat three other bids, ranging in the lower to mid \$3 million range.

See CLASSROOMS on A8

MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Maryville teacher pleads for job during hearing

By Sean Comer Politics/Courts Reporter

A Maryville teacher will know her career's next direction in approximately two weeks.

The Maryville Board of Education will decide within 17 calendar days whether to terminate Northwest Technical School teacher Marilyn Hamm's teaching contract for striking a student during class last month.

The board held a nearly hour and a half public hearing of statements and

testimony from administrators, students and fellow teachers who have known Hamm, who has taught in the district for the last nine years.

Neither the student nor his parents attended the hearing to provide any testimony.

"We prefer not to involve students in this type of hearing for their confidentiality and making them uncomfortable," Miller said. "So we thought we could present the facts

attorney representing Marilyn Hamm on behalf of the Missouri State Teachers Association

John Nasteff,

The behavior that

was exhibited on both

sides of this question is

not what we expected

in school."

without making the student go through that." Hamm admitted during her testimony to a physical altercation with a student named "Andrew" — all parties refrained from revealing the student's last name — during an Oct. 10 in-class argument between the two. Hamm contended that she never "slapped" the student, instead claiming she "slapped at him" but pulled back and ended up grazing his face.

Andrew had heckled Hamm as she disciplined another student during a fourth period Personal Finance class, Hamm said. Hamm told Andrew to mind his own business, to which Andrew replied Hamm "had better not make him angry." Hamm ordered Andrew to go to the office of Placement Coordinator Tom Scarbrough. Andrew refused, which prompted Hamm to call Scarbrough herself to escort him to the office.

See TEACHER on A8



ENCORE SERIES

'War Bonds' remembers World War II

By Katie Charczuk Missourian reporter

Veterans Day may have just passed, but Northwest's Encore Series is starting this year with a nostalgic tribute to World War II veterans.

"War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II" kicks off Northwest's Encore Series at 7:30 p.m. November 29, at the Performing Arts Center.

"From an educational standpoint, it's a different view of history," Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott said. Students will hear personal stories of

what was occurring then, she said. "An ensemble cast will be reading actual letters sent from soldiers to loved ones and visa versa," McAdams Prescott said.

There are 22 songs from the time included in the production, according to Ebzb.org, EbzB Productions' Web site, a professional touring theater.

Tickets are \$20 for the orchestra seats and \$18 for balcony seats. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Service Desk in the Administration Building.

Student organizations, community groups and businesses can now get discounted tickets for groups 10 people or more, McAdams Prescott said. Campus Activities is implementing this new discount for Encore Presentations this trimester, McAdams Prescott said. Contact the Campus Activities Office for more details on group discounted tickets.

University News Editor Lindsay Jacobs contributed information to this



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Common Ground sponsors speaker

Common Ground, an organization promoting a positive environment for everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, will host a speaker at 7 p.m., tonight, in The Station's west meeting room.

Author, poet and scholar Joy Ladin will read from her book "Inside/Out: Woman Caught in the Act of Becoming."

The book is about the challenges of her transgendered experience. There will be a question and answer session following the reading.

For more information e-mail English Assistant Professor Bryn Gribben at Gribben@nwmissouri.

ASA to present 'Mr. Northwest'

Alpha Sigma Alpha will present Mr. Northwest at 7:30 p.m., Monday, in the Performing Arts Center. Proceeds will go to the Special Olympics.

Department offers used books for sale

A history book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Valk's front lobby.

Books are 50 cents apiece. The event is sponsored by the Northwest History Department and proceeds will go toward the History Scholarship Fund. first person shooter.

'Vagina Monologues' holds annual tryouts

Tryouts for the "Vagina Monologues" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday and Sunday, in meeting rooms C and E in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The auditions are open to women who work or attend classes at North-If someone is unable to attend

they should contact the directors. For more information e-mail Amanda Nelson at s274761@nwmissouri.edu or Natalie Waterman at s271513@nwmissouri.edu.

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'HALO 3'



STUDENTS PLAYED THE highly anticipated Xbox 360 game, Halo 3, at the J.W. Jones Student Union Thursday night. (from left) Micah Schmidt, Bryan Gilford, Josh Greenlee and Kevin Frojd stare intensely at the projector screen as they play multiplayer at the Halo 3 LAN party.

Residence hall PERTs host 'Halo' party

By Jarod Clarke Missourian Reporter

Sweaty palms grip the controllers as the blue glow of wall projectors highlight their intense, zoned in stares. Game enthusiasts stare blankly into the screen, pausing only to gulp 25 release.

down energy drinks. On Thursday, Northwest students had a chance to experience the gaming phenomena known as "Halo" on the third floor of the I.W. Jones Student Union in the Tower View

The Peer Educators in Residence for Technology (PERTs) of the residence halls on campus hosted a "Halo 3" LAN (Local Area Network) Party for students to come and test out their gaming skills on the recently released Xbox 360

The LAN party featured free food and prizes ranging from MP3 players to Wal-Mart gift cards. There were three pods of four Xboxes with 12 wall projectors, which allowed for 48 time. Students and the University donated all of the equipment.

"Halo" is a sci-fi video game where the named Master Chief. The game story line is very to the Northwest network." detailed, but basically, Earth is being invaded by a group of aliens called the Covenant. The Covenant fights to use the Halo, an alien ring, the Halo destroys all life in the universe. Master—students to compete with their friends and show Chief's job is to stop the Covenant from activat-

ing Halo, thus saving mankind. "Halo 3" is the third and final installment of the "Halo" series, although there is speculation of spin-off games that tell a different angle

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"Microsoft is going to milk this as long as they possibly can," freshman game enthusiast

Doug Kimball said. Because of the games popularity, Mountain Dew launched a special formula called Game Fuel" in anticipation for the September

This is the first year the Union hosted the event. In the previous five years the Station

hosted the party The PERTs put on the event each trimester, and use it to inform students about the policies of playing online video games on the campus

computer network at Northwest. Xbox Live, Xbox's online gaming service, allows people from around the world to compete in multi-player video games online. Students at Northwest are not allowed to play Xbox Live on campus because it causes problems with the school's computer network.

"Xbox Live constantly sends data packets back and forth through the Internet, which takes up a lot of the network's bandwidth," Perrin players to compete against each other at one Hall PERT Daman Kapoor said. "Bandwidth is the allocation of how many resources you can use on the Internet. Xbox Live takes up all of the resources available on the internet source user assumes the role as a 26th Century soldier—and leaves little resource for others connected

The PERTs chose to feature "Halo 3" at the event because they knew there is a large gaming community interested in the game. to complete "The Great Journey," but activating The multiplayer style game play allows the

"Multiplayer is definitely the best part of 'Halo'," freshman Zach Crawford said. "It is one The PERTs will host another LAN party in

of the best multiplayer games out there."

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everything is ready for live broadcast, Murphy said. The hard work and the prizes, food and games for the event.

"We had to do all the planning," Northwest graduate student Philip Williams said. "He kind of put us out there in a workforce situation and we had to run with it."

Bob Lade gave the class a budget of \$600 at

the beginning of October to set up the events,

The events range from an Oreo stacking contest to the obstacle course, which has been class hosts the fourth annual Late Night at the Student Rec Center from 10 p.m. to midnight a favorite in years past. The winner of the Oreo stacking contest wins a package of Oreo The event consists of approximately 13 cookies.

games for participants. Students receive a ticket The events will also consist of a steady balance of games from previous years, as well as The tickets go toward a drawing that gives

games new to the event. Both "Guitar Hero" and "Dance Dance Revment of prizes, including the grand prize of a olution" return this year, along with a golf chip-Nintendo Wii. Attendance at the time of the ping contest and a reinvented obstacle course. New games this year include Nintendo Wii boxing and "ESPN Fast Action Football". Rock first 50 students to arrive with their Bearcat ID 'em Sock 'em Robots are also available.

"It's all about participating and having a class puts on the event annually as a class good time," Lade said. "You just come, show project. Recreation Center and class teacher up and have a good time."

also get a free T-shirt.

ly Christopher Woodland

issourian Reporter

at the Student Rec Center.

after each game they participate in.

Thursday, Nov. 29.

Broadcasting students earn real experience producing newscast

Missourian Reporter

Live in five, four, three, two ... Located in Wells Hall the student run tele- hour," Zornes said. vision station, KNWT, has gone to live news broadcast.

RECREATION AND SPORTS MANAGEMENT CLASS

Members of the Northwest student body

will have the opportunity to win a Nintendo

Wii and eat free Domino's pizza in two weeks

The Recreation and Sports Management

each student the opportunity to win an assort-

drawing is mandatory to claim your prize. The

The Recreation and Sports Management

Graduate students plan 'Late

Night' as part of class project

The content generated for the broadcast is done by students enrolled in Practicum in Tele-importantly a studio, Zornes said. vision and Advanced Practicum in Television. KNWT Web site.

Now," "Etcetera," "Inside Northwest," "Bearcat gone to 100 percent live, Murphy said. Update" and "Bearcat Idol." All of these Practicum and Broadcast Journalism students. to the viewing public," Murphy said. News 8 Now is the only program that is live. The programs are broadcasted to Northwest changes in the studio. and Maryville.

broadcast together, Chief Engineer Will Murphy said. said. The final six weeks the students go to air

with the program. On production day the studio becomes like a real television newsroom. Directors Sudhoff said.

prepare scripts and make sure

"It's hard to believe how much work actually goes into just producing 15 to 30 minutes, the hours spent to produce a quarter of an

The broadcast is made possible by editing suites, control rooms, professional studio lighting, multiple cameras, blue screen and most

The news station has come along ways The students handle the show content and the since it first started. "Live to tape" or "as-live" business aspects of the station, according to the used to be the way the programs were broadcasted. With "live to tape" it is recorded to a tape The news channel produces "News 8 and replayed on air as live. Now the station has

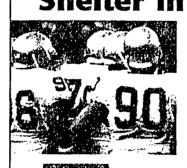
"News 8 Now is now cable cast ... anything productions are generated by the Television that happens in the studio goes immediately out Zornes noted some of the other recent

"We have received new equipment that the The students spend at least the first 12 department purchased ... and a lot of money weeks of the trimester learning the skills to put a was invested into the program for us," Zomes

> Direct live has been in progress for about three years, and it is important for the students to get the experience, Faculty Adviser Doug

"The idea of the newscast being live has less to do with the journalists and more to do with the broadcast students. Because that is the way news airs in the real world," Sudhoff said, "and planning involved takes many they need to have that experience of working hours to get to the final prod- under the pressure and doing things right in a uct, General Manager Eric live situation."

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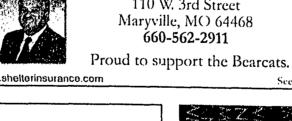


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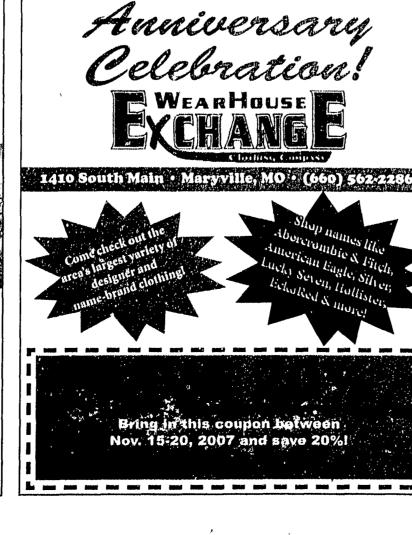


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NORTHWEST FORENSICS TEAM

Group's enthusiasm pays off

By Kelsi Jo Franklin

Missourian Reporter

The DOF wants to know who in PA got a leg to count for AFA. That sentence only makes complete sense to a small group of people on campus.

Welcome to the world of forensics. "Forensics is the examination of an argument," Forensics Director Merci Decker

This statement alone brings enthusiasm advance them to nationals, Decker said. and excitement for many of the Northwest Forensics Team members.

"There is this level of exhilaration that comes with working so hard to prepare something you are passionate about," Forensics Team President Alison Nickoexhilaration that comes laus said. with working so hard to

Hard work and time commitment are two words that prepare something you are out the year and qualify," are more than familiar for team members. These team members dedicate their time to 26 different tournaments throughout the year, Decker

"You spend so much time around your competitors," Nickolaus said. "They become like your family away from campus."

Many of the tournaments are "swinger tournaments." These are two tournaments hosted by two different schools in the same weekend at the same location, Decker said. Although this is many weekends away

brand new element. life," Decker said. "It brings challenges to agree it is worth every second. their educational experience."

Junior Michael Russell began partici- some of the best times I have ever had," pating in Forensics for many years before Russell said.

passionate about" Alison Nickolaus,

Forensics Team President

There is this level of

legiate career. "At nationals, the competition is so much greater," Perkins said. "My goal for nationals this year is to raise the bar and try to break out." There are so many people striving and

his college career. In total, he has been in

forensics for over 10 years. He agrees with

"Forensics teaches a person how to set

All of the work that is placed in the vari-

One way for competitors to advance is to

The second way is to receive three places

less. They can do this at any

combination of tournaments,

fifth, second and first in three

different tournaments through-

President Steven Perkins has

already qualified for nationals

for the third time in his col-

"So, a person could get

Forensics Team Vice

place in one of the top three places in their

category at districts. This will automatically

when added together that equal eight or

Decker said.

Decker said.

ety of performances is built up for one goal:

to make it to nationals in Austin, Texas. There

are two different ways to reach this point.

the complexity Decker discussed.

and reach their goal," Russell said.

pushing for the same goal that it requires a lot of patience. "It takes dedication and perseverance to from home and familiarity, it brings about a keep you motivated," Perkins said.

Despite all of the work, time and sacrifice "Forensics adds complexity to a student's the team members place in their events they "Through college, forensics has been

school in sweat suits. During the week parents, practicum stu-

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK



FOOTBALL PLAYER CALEB Dohrman reads with Julia Spencer and Callie Blair during Drop Everything and Read on Tuesday.

Horace Mann celebrates reading

By Lindsay Jacobs University News Editor

The Horace Mann Laboratory School director strolled down the hallway ringing a bell, and suddenly the hallway was full of

It wasn't a fire drill or to announce an emergency of any kind. It was time to "Drop everything and read."

This week was Children's Book Week and Horace Mann participated in Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) for 15 minutes each morn-

Most children had a book clasped in their hand as they searched for a spot to curl up

of little voices read aloud with an occasional

theme, Horace Mann Interim Director RoAnne some idea who the athletes are which makes Solheim said. On Monday, students wore their it fun for the children, Bell said. Johnson also favorite team's apparel for "Read for the sport of it," Tuesday the students came to school wearing a hat for "Hats off to reading" and Wednesday the children had an opportunity to wear silly socks or slippers to school for "Sock" dren's Book Week. Every class had at least one it to me with a good book."

Thursday was "Be thankful for books and families," but students didn't dress up because vate everyone, Solheim said. it was their Thanksgiving dinner for their families. "Sweat it out with a good book" will reading," Solheim said. be celebrated Friday with students coming to



BASKETBALL PLAYER ALICIA Bell reads a book with Anzumaan Chakraborty while Dylan

The hallway became almost quiet as a hum dents and Northwest Athletes were invited to

read with the students. Basketball player Alicia Bell came out Tues-Each day of the week carried its own day to read with students. The students have enjoyed the experience.

"It's fun to read with little kids," she said. Letters were also sent to invite guest readers into the classrooms to help celebrate Chilguest reader during the week, Solheim said.

Non-traditional events like this helps moti-"It just really gets the children exited about

On Friday, the students will receive a special surprise to conclude Children's Book

SAC hosts raffle for playoff tickets The Student Activities Council is f the playoffs.

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Sobbe spends day as

Northwest president

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Northwest Junior Morgan Sobbe

On Monday she spent the day doing

While she was filling in for him, Dean Hubbard attended two of Sobbe's classes.

The money raised from the drawing

is going to Mortar Board's programs and

presidential tasks including meeting with

won the drawing for the Mortar Board

Honor Society's "President for a Day."

enior University administrators.

of the J.W. Jones Student Union from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday to see how they can

iving away tickets to the second round

Raffle tickets can be picked up 30 mintes before the following programs: Mike enry tonight in the Charles Johnson Theater, "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" Movie night Thursday in the .W. Jones Student Union Tower View Room and the women's and men's Bas-

ketball games on Friday in Bearcat Arena. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn on Monday. The winning numbers will be posted at the Campus Activities Office by 8 a.m. Tickets must be claimed by noon or new raffle tickets will be drawn.

Northwest PRSSA take top pries

Northwest Public Relations Student Society of America attended PRSSA Day n Kansas City on Nov. 2. A writing contest was held where

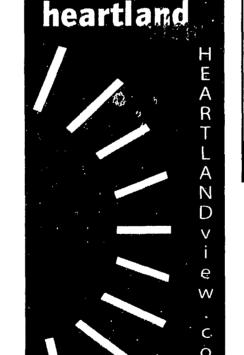
media pitch and new media piece about a hypothetical case. Northwest Junior Bailey Asher won

articipants had to write a press release,

first place and received a \$300 scholarplace and received a \$150 scholarship. Junior Tiffany Hunter won third place

and received a \$50 scholarship. Sixteen other colleges competed in

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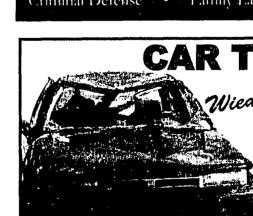
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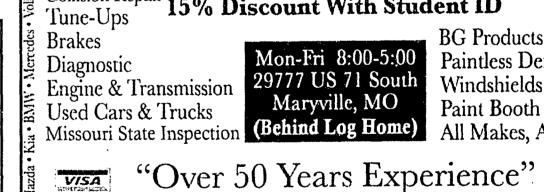
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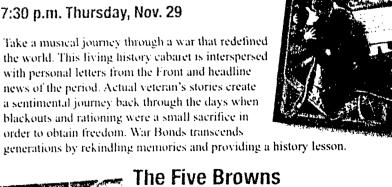
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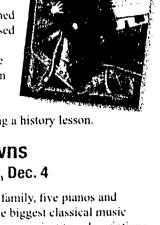
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sensation in years." These are just two descriptions concert pianist, has awakened the sleeping genre broad audience. The musicians honed their skills imultaneously at New York's Juilliard School. you've ever heard it.

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The Fab Five." "One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music

of The Five Browns. This youthful, all-American quintet of brothers and sisters, each a virtuoso f classical music by appealing to a large and very This is "classical" classical music, but not quite as

Study Abroad provision needs financial backing

Recently the University announced that a studying abroad requirement for marketing and management students, beginning with the Fall 2008 catalog, is awaiting approval from the Board of Regents.

Last spring, administrators tried to push this requirement into the existing catalog. While the Northwest Missourian was opposed to implementing a new requirement in a previously established catalog, we are not completely against a study abroad requirement for marketing and management majors. Initially we were a bit suspicious of this requirement for a number of reasons.

According to a general overview of a plan presented by department chair Jim Walker, students will be able to choose the length of their trip. Prospective students can do anything from a 10-day trip, to a two-month study overseas or even a trimester-long study-abroad program. All the department requires is that the student earns three credit hours abroad, and they do not have to be business courses.

The overview also states Magellan schools, universities located all over Europe, will continue to let students pay Northwest's tuition rate while they are abroad. A trimester abroad can expect to cost anywhere from \$1,800 - \$1,500 plus the cost of tuition. However, the University does not include in this plan the cost of living expenses for a full trimester, or the expected cost of living in countries using the Euro or the British pound.

Sadly, the current exchange rate for the U.S. dollar isn't good. One U.S. dollar equals just .68 Euros. The British pound is even higher; one U.S. dollar equals just .48 British pounds.

This isn't news; the dollar's value has been falling since January 2007. In fact, the dollar's value problems date back to 1971 when President Richard Nixon nixed the ties that loosely held the dollar to gold standard.

So it is hard to ask students already emerging in record-high debt after graduation, to spend their money, and go further into debt on overseas trips in countries where the dollar's value is so low.

There is no doubt that studying abroad is a valuable experience and will be an important experience especially for those entering into a world of global commerce after graduation. Officials said there will be many grants and scholarships available for nev students.

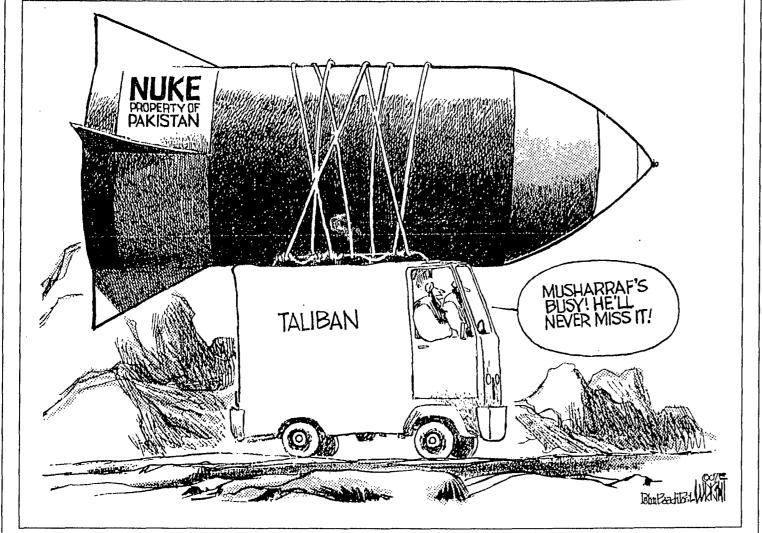
The Northwest Missourian hopes that plenty of alumni will be willing to provide scholarship donations, otherwise a university with a substantial marketing and management program may lose prospective students to universities that can either provide more scholarships and grants, or to universities that don't require studying abroad all

Have opinions? Want them heard?

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MY VIEW

STDs are here to stay until lifestyle changes occur

influenza, there are some new kids on the

Federal health officials released a report earlier this week that showed more than million cases of chlamydia were reported in the United States last

year, a new record.

Not to be outdone, gonorrhea is also to antibiotics. Rounding out the dangerous interesting threesome is syphilis also increasing over

Sarah York and Jeff Kanger

yearly reports on these detecting more cases. sexually transmitted diseases. The current statistics suggest that there are 348 cases of

That is an increase of just over 5 percent from the previous year. Gonorrhea and syphilis also showed similar increases although fewer people are known

to have those diseases. The fact that STDs are increasing is making a comeback; this time with a "super- no surprise. However, the spin the CDC bug" version that is shown to be resistant—is putting on the situation is somewhat

The Center for Disease Control and CDC doesn't find it to be all that bad and suggest that?

Prevention releases credits improved screening methods for

There is no silver lining in these statistics; we are reaping what we sow. Sexual behavior has become more promiscuous, more prominent and it is only natural that chlamydia per 100,000 diseases contracted through such behavior are increasing again. There is a price to pay for those little

> flings and we are paying it. Diseases are mutating and developing immunities to our antibiotics, but that doesn't stop reckless sexual practices.

We are past the point of sexual public service announcements on MTV reminding people to "wrap it up." Humorous condom advertisements obviously aren't working.

Perhaps it is time for people to entertain the thought of not sleeping around as much, or in the most extreme cases abstaining One would think that increasing STD from sexual relationships until they find a infection rates would be a bad thing. The life partner, but what kind of prude would

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In response to "Two compa nies sign on as facility's first

Good news and excellent cov-

erage! This is an exciting time for

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with University personnel.

Northwest and Maryville. In response to "Espey wants lawsuit against him dis-

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Shouldn't Ben Espey, the sheriff, make himself aware of the laws

In response to "Mel's winning

Joseph Ryan posted 11/8/07

before he harasses people.

Adam said it well. Mel is much more than a football coach. We are fortunate that he has continued serving his profession at Northwest. Win, lose, or draw, we have a winner in Mel Tjeerdsma.

In response to "Spreading rumors in times of crisis does no good"

posted 11/8/07

Very well written article. It is good that someone appreciates the efforts of Campus Safety to secure

In response to "Your Man loves gambling"

posted 11/08/07

So sad the Stroller has come to this, the editors need to bring in a new Stroller for the new year, it is really making the Missourian look like it was produced at MWSU. I'm through wasting my time reading a column that could be written better by an eighth grader.

MCT CAMPUS

Climate change demands action; U.S. should take lead role

ness of the threat of climate change — a — to achieve emissions reductions. threat that President Bush largely chooses architect of U.S. strategy for dealing with this planetary peril.

Congress finally is advancing global needs to be both strong and broad, at last moving the United States toward a position of world leadership.

The law must be up to the mammoth challenge of cutting greenhouse gas emis- not enough. sions to the degree that scientists say is without crippling the economy.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va. cut greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent

This is a good starting point for U.S. effectiveness. to ignore. Now it's up to Congress to be the climate change policy. Lawmakers should keep improving and resist weakening the bill. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., has said she plans to bring it to a vote of her enviwarming legislation this fall. The package ronmental committee in early December.

Congress has to play a strong role on climate change because the oil-centric Bush administration lacks a strategy, suggesting only voluntary emission reductions. That's

Congressional approval of mandatory needed. And it must lead to cleaner energy cuts would provide a path for a new administration in 2008. And it would signal to the Momentum is now driving America's world that the United States is serious about Climate Security Act, introduced last climate change, which its consumer lifemonth by Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and style disproportionately has helped create.

As this legislation moves ahead, here The bill requires the United States to are five principles to keep in mind: Make big cuts fast. Scientists warn that by 2020 and would create a national "cap- the United States needs to cut emissions at President Bush this year.

The following editorial appeared in and-trade" system for emission credits. least 15 percent to 20 percent by 2020 and at the San Jose Mercury News on Sunday, Companies that can cut emissions cheaply least 80 percent by 2050 to help the world solar power, plug-in cars or biofuels could or achieve cuts beyond their emissions avoid the worst effects of global warming. dramatically change the energy equation Al Gore won well-deserved glory with cap for a given year can sell credits to Lawmakers should resist "safety valve" the Nobel Peace Prize for raising aware- companies that need more time or money provisions supported by industry that would gut the Lieberman-Warner bill's clean and green technologies.

benefits such as energy efficiency and clean regulations and other policies. technologies.

Pass additional energy reforms. This a national standard for the amount of sources, while the Senate approved raising mileage standards on vehicles for the first time in more than 30 years. These are both essential moves. Congress should combine them and send broad energy legislation to leading in the right direction. Congress

What are you most thankful for this year?

Encourage innovation. Affordable and cut carbon emissions. The Lieberman-Warner bill includes incentives to promote

Encourage state and local action. States Maximize the market's benefits. Crit- like California have marched ahead of the ics say too many emissions credits are federal government in dealing with climate given away rather than auctioned, so the change. Any new federal policy should program is not tough enough on corporate build on those efforts and not preclude polluters that use coal and fossil fuels. states from leading the way. The Lieber-Congress needs to get the balance right. man-Warner bill provides green incentives And the proceeds from credits the governto states, awarding them emissions credits ment auctions off must be used for public for eco-friendly building codes, utility

This legislation would set in motion massive changes in the way energy is summer, the House passed a bill setting produced, distributed and used. It could result in sharp increases in electricity and energy utilities should get from renewable gasoline prices as well as other impacts on the American economy and lifestyle.

But many cities and states are viewing this movement as an economic opportunity. Once again, they are out front, and needs to catch up.

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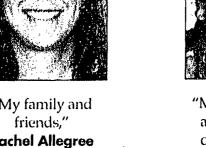
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CAMPUS

Northwest, NCMC meet over agreement details

By Evan Young Managing Editor

Representatives from North Central Missouri College in Trenton paid a visit to Northwest, Monday, to discuss the details of a joint admissions 2008, she said. program between the two schools

schools, which provides NCMC and Northwest students with opportunities to further their education at both institutions. "We wanted to walk through

the details ... and decide what things were easy to make operational and what things did we have to recon-Enrollment Beverly Schenkel said.

from NCMC to Northwest to earn ment text. bachelor's degrees or "reverse transfer" back to the college to complete associate degrees, alternate enrollment or co-enroll at both schools.

During the visit, the group disthe new program - what types of cal support. messages the schools want to send to students and events they want to coordinate, Schenkel said.

School representatives also began building a "free flow of information" advisement strategy to properly communicate with participating students to make enrollment easier, Schenkel said. The schools will share pertinent student information with order to keep track of their progress,

Finally, the group talked financial aid. Northwest will follow its their "home" institution for aid, but tall said.

ships for its students, Schenkel said. Problems are few and far between

NCMC may pursue new scholar-

overall, and the joint admissions program, like the rest of the agreement, should be fully implemented for Fall

As a whole, the NCMC-Northwest agreement is a give and take It's part of a larger, 10-year agree- arrangement between the two instiment approved recently by both tutions. NCMC will provide technical support for online programs, classroom and office space and 20 acres of farmland "for use as an experimental plot," according to the

In addition, NCMC will promote Northwest by encouraging graduates to further their education in sider our policies or procedures in Maryville. As a result, Northwest order to make it functional," Dean of will likely see its transfer enrollment double, even quadruple, over the Under the new program, stu-next 10 years, according to NCMC dents from both schools can transfer predictions outlined in the agree-

For its part, the University will provide instruction, an academic adviser for NCMC transfers and pay the college \$245,000 a year over the course of the 10 years as compensacussed ideas on how to market tion for using its facilities and techni-

> This is the "right time" for an agreement like this to come about, NCMC President Neil Nuttall said. Missouri lags behind nationally for the number of its students that earn advanced degrees, but partnerships like this will help to turn the situation around, he said. The arrangement will light a

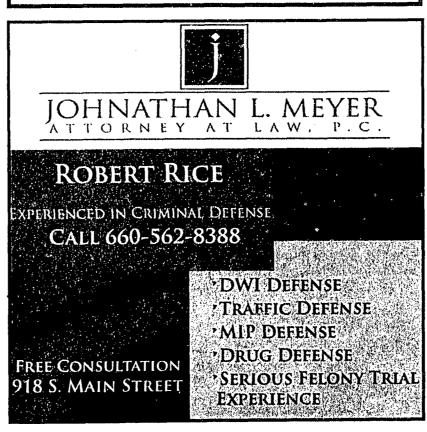
"blazing new trail" for NCMC to each other through databases in expand its academic offerings while providing a channel through which Northwest can recruit new students, "Northwest is in the position

traditional scholarship program and to get the lion's share of students won't create any new awards for wanting to pursue advanced degrees students who declare the University beyond the associate degree," Nut-

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Study Abroad proposal awaits Regents' approval

By Lindsay Jacobs University News Editor

A proposal that would require marketing and management majors to study abroad will be implemented if the Northwest Board of Regents - it is granted the student is required to

The President's Cabinet decided

Wednesday to include the measure on the Regents' meeting agenda for An overview of the study abroad proposal drafted by Booth College Dean Tom Billesbach states students

management beginning next fall must enroll in three credit hours abroad. The purpose of the proposal is to give students an opportunity to understand intercultural issues and global

who declare majors in marketing and

society, according to the proposal. The proposal has been approved by the Marketing and Management Department and Faculty Senate. Student senate also voted to support the proposal.

There are low-cost trips with shorter times, Billesbach said.

The cost will depend on what country the student chooses and what university they enroll in, said Study Abroad Coordinator Jeaneth Puriel. If the proposal passes, the financial

aid and scholarships students have can be used. Booth College also has tens of thousands of dollars in funds raised through the Northwest Foundation to be used for study abroad to help alleviate some of the cost, Billesbach said. Vice President of Institutional

Advancement Orrie Covert believes a lot of alumni will be interested in donating to study abroad because ence, he said. many of them are working in the international workforce. Although the thinks there will be a strong interest ment, Walker said.

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Study Abroad Office and faculty on where would be the best place for them to study. "We'll put you in the right place,

Billesbach said. When and if this proposal is implemented "slight dip" in majors in the department is possible but expects

in donating, Covert said.

Students can provide a written appeal if they are unable to travel

because of "extenuating circum-

stances," Billesbach said. There will be

a committee to hear the appeals and if

get an internship with a "significant

students pick the approved course

they enroll in, which does not need

to be business. The point is to have

students immersed in another culture,

Students are advised from the

Three hours are required and

international component," he said.

One aspect of this proposal many don't think about is more faculty will travel abroad, Marketing and Management Department Chair Jim Walker said. Right now about half the faculty have taken students abroad, but if the proposal goes through Walker guesses around 95 percent of the department

there to be a rebound, he said.

will take students abroad. The majority of students who travel abroad now come from the Marketing and Management Department, Walker said. If the proposal passes there will 100 to 150 marketing and management majors who go abroad each year, Walker said.

The majority of students who study abroad have a positive experi-

If the proposal passes and is successful, other departments could program has not been approved he implement a study abroad require-



THURSDAY

NICHOLAS COLE STUDIED abroad in the Netherlands as part of Northwest's student exchange program. Cole's experience abroad wasn't required for his



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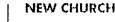
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First Baptist builds new center

By Erin Loges Missourian Reporter

The sounds of a construction site echoed through the First Baptist

The church is expanding by building a family life center. It will be a multi-purpose center, housing the expanding teen ministry among

"We want to host lock-ins and 'fifth-quarter' type activities to give the kids stuff to do all night," said Wes Mayfield, minister of students. The center will also fulfill

needs for a bigger fellowship hall. Plans call for the kitchen to face a gymnasium area. "The new building will have a much bigger space for church din-

ners," said Rick Haggett, pastor. The addition will also address the church's current lack of educational space by adding classrooms. "We want to use the space for

children's ministry events, too,"

Funds for the new building were

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY for the new First Baptist Church being built on he corner of Third and Market streets.

raised by the church family. "Initially we had a capital camgetting materials and inspections, paign to raise the funds we needed to start building," Haggett said. "We borrowed the balance to finance the

through special gifts. The original goal for the center to open was in the early spring.

Haggett said. Members of the church are looking forward to the completion of the project, and we're taking care of that

"We're all pretty excited for it to get done," Haggett said. "We're hoping it will be done by May or June.

"We've had some delays in

NORTHWEST TECH SCHOOL

Addition provides more classroom space

By Jessie Voyles Missourian Reporter

The construction site on Munn Street will reside as a classroom for the Adult and Community Educa-riculum with three additional tion program of the Northwest

It is expected to be completed in 2008.

"The new addition will give more room and space for daytime classes as well as areas for exercise," director of the Adult and Community Education program, Lori Tally said.

Tech School director Mike Jordan added having the available space on an as needed basis will expand the program.

Workers just finished placing shingles on the 8,000 square foot building last week.

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feet and will have a multi purpose room. This will be a 40 by 80 foot fitness room used to offer dance classes or whatever is in the cur-

Funding for the building as well as for the new laptops for the childcare and business programs comes from grants sent in by the

Each year continuing grants "The bid regarding the lap top

and we ordered 25 for a total of \$37,125. The printers were ordered by other buildings within the district," Jordan said.

programs, most of which are high

The new building is 80 by 80 program laptops will have specific needs such as the mobility or child devel-

rooms attached, Jordan said.

computers came in at \$1,485 each

The Tech School provides 11 school or community college type walk-in or e-mail.

Most of the programs using the

"Each program is unique and something was added mostly for enrichment," Jordan said.

The Adult and Community Education section puts out a brochure of the hundreds of programs offered every fall and spring. Programs such as dog obedience are noped to be part of future classes. "I hope (with the new addi-

tion) the community feels we can accommodate them and more people will be enrolled," Tally Enrollment in programs for the

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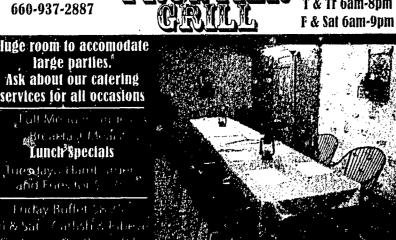
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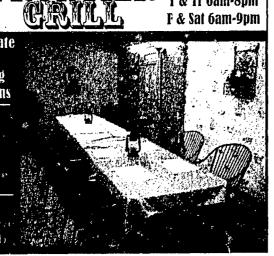
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COMMUNITY

By Kenny Larabee

Missourian Reporter

Tim Abell, the star

of a cable television

hunting program, will

be in Nodaway County

until today shooting

footage for his show the

"Federal Experience"

Abell, a former

U.S. Army Ranger, has

starred in many roles,

including a leading role

in the television series

"Soldier of Fortune", along with

In the "Federal Experience,"

"A lot of the show is for me to

of become the conduit to which the D.C. area.

learn as much as I can from the

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Maryville's new sanitary sewer system to be completed late June

By Micheal Clements Missourian Reporter

The City of Maryville will begin accepting bids on a new sewer line

routed north of 16th Street. A sewer line replacing and upgrading the current line will give the area more capacity and be available for future development.

The sewer line will stretch from North College Drive at 16th Street and go northwest to Business Highway 71 near Drake Lumber. The line increased volume in the area. There will be 3,815 feet long. The city has secured an easement

for placement on private property stretching north of 16th Street to Business Highway 71. Maryville Public Works Direc-

tor Greg Decker said the route of the line was chosen for proper flow of sani-We would rather just tary waste. "The main reason

treat our dirty water than treating clean water that is because of elevacan run off into a river." tion," Decker said. "It's a gravity flow

Gravity flow lines prevent the city from using pumps to keep the contents flowing. Pumping sanitary waste is expensive, Decker

The new sewer line will be larger than the current line in the area. The current line has a 10-inch radius and the new line has a 12-inch radius. Funding will come from a Community Development Block Grant the

city applied for two years ago. The project will cost around \$350,000. The city was granted the proper funding about a year ago, Decker

"Funding is always an obstacle but anytime we can get grants like this it helps the community," Decker The city will cover approximately

\$30,000 for the project, Decker said. Grants such as the Community Development Block Grant will help the city to keep sales tax for other city needs, like public safety. The budget includes the cost of

new sewer line placement. City Manager Matt LeCerf said

storm water may become an issue.

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in there, but if it does get in there we will be able to handle it better." LeCerf said.

Storm water in the sewer system cost the city more money because storm waters adds more content in the sewer system. "You don't want storm water in

your sanitary sewer system because it's clean water," LeCerf said. "We would rather just treat our dirty water than treating clean water that can run off into a river." The new sewer line allows for

smaller roles in "CSI" and "JAG." is a possibility of future development in the area the line will be placed, Abell serves as a guide for the viewer, learning from experts "We are abandoning the existabout hunting and relaying that ing line basically and increasing the to the audience

> one," LeCerf said. The project should start in March and be completed sometime in June, Decker said. The contract states the project must be

complete within 150 Matt LeCerf, City Manager The city ideally wants to continue improvements on the sewer system that make sense for the

line size with the new

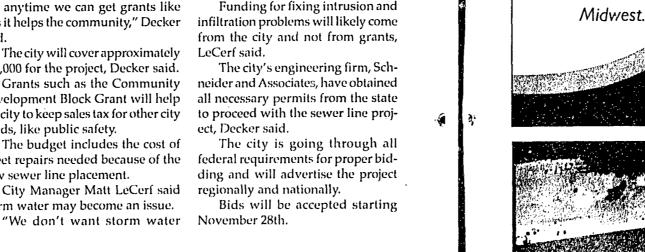
community and the city budget. "We would be interested in doing them but they need to be worthwhile for us," LeCerf said. "We have other issues such as intrusion and infiltration and a new wastewater plant we

Smoke testing of some sewer lines will start next year to identify trouble places in the system where intrusions and infiltration exist, including storm guttering that is tied into the sewer system, which

Funding for fixing intrusion and infiltration problems will likely come from the city and not from grants, LeCerf said.

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Take caution to carbon monoxide poisoning

By Dominic Genetti Community News Editor

With heaters igniting once again for yet another winter season, health officials warn against the hazardous effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. "There are symptoms of carbon

monoxide poisoning is avoidable with

proper preparation and awareness.

ances checked by qualified inspectors.

The same applies to homes equipped

with gas heaters, hot water heaters

and fireplaces, Maryville Fire Chief

Phil Rickabaugh said. Chimneys

with buildup can also cause health

"Carbon monoxide is an odor-

It is best to have heating appli-

monoxide poisoning, but they are very subtle," said Carol Braun, an environmental epidemiology specialist with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Known as a silent killer, carbon

Nodaway County, for tourism, for our businesses, for our whole coming for a way to put munity," Von Behren said.

a positive face on shooting sports and on hunting, and they wanted now filming for next season's new shows, which should begin someto find somebody, that much like Gerald, but a little bit younger," Many of Abell's roles utilize his upcoming shows.

been mutually appreciated. He also credits an uncle with fostering his love for hunting while guide, from the experts, from the he was a child growing up around outfitters," Abell said. "I've kind Maryland and the Washington very grateful to have been sent to

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Abell said that he

"They were look-

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The show presents an opportunity for northwest Missouri and was recommended Maryville to be showcased nationfor the show by Gerwide, said Suzanne Von Behren, ald McRaney ("Major Maryville Chamber of Commerce Dad"), and that the membership services coordinator. show's creators were looking for a certain

The "Federal Experience" is

time next August. Viewers can check Versus' web site for a list of For Abell, the opportunity has

"He kind of came in and started and come here and get to hunt and

"There's so many cool things to

your town here and met you all about deer hunting and they're in this great thing for me," Abell guns and share my experience."

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man, look at that. That "I'd spend every waking hour guy, he learned some thinking about hunting, fishing, outdoors, doing blinds. Just "What I can learn, being out there, just experiencing

nature," Abell said.

"It's great for Maryville, for

film here," Abell said. "I just feel ing, going 'I've always wondered taking me hunting and it was really shoot some things and shoot some less gas," Rickabaugh said. "You—a result of carbon monoxide poison don't know it's there until people get ing in 2005.

Headaches and irritability are symptoms from carbon monoxide exposure, Braun said. The Maryville Fire Department

to the Missouri Department of Health offers free carbon monoxide checks to local homes. and Senior Services. Statistics from the Missouri Maryville gets 10 to 12 calls a Department Health and Senior Seryear from carbon monoxide detectors going off, however, Rickabaugh said vices show carbon monoxide deaths have been down throughout the ninety percent of the calls are due to a

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Since 2001, 50.5 percent carbon

monoxide deaths in Missouri were

suicides, 44.3 percent were accidental,

4.3 percent were unknown and 0.5

percent were homicides, according

Show-Me state since 2005. malfunction with the alarm. Another way to protect from car-To avoid poisoning, Braun said bon monoxide poisoning is to avoid it's best to purchase a carbon monrunning vehicles in garages; the same oxide detector. "They're really inexpensive, easy applies to boat and gas mowers.

to operate," she said. Also, do not burn charcoal inside Preliminary statistics show just over 10 deaths occurred in Missouri

Nearly 60 Missouri deaths were mo.gov.

n house, garage, vehicle or tent for heating or cooking. as a result of carbon monoxide poi-For more information, visit the soning in 2006. Just under 10 deaths Missouri Department of Health have occurred this year alone. and Senior Services online at Dhss







the people that have died."

Bohlken, who also serves as the

the U.S. Armed Forces, to be put on

"It was only after the war that

seas, except for nurses," Whitney

they allowed women to go over- Carneal said.

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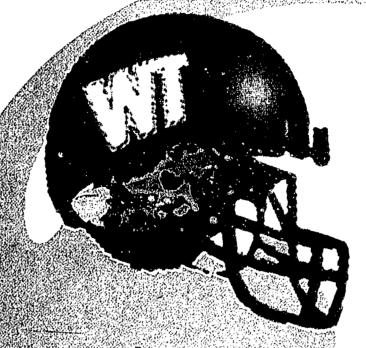
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WHO'S NEXT



Aerial attack aims for chance at 'Cats

Given Northwest's record against Lone Star Conference opponents in the playoffs, it would be no surprise if the Bearcats preferred another LSC team rather than MIAA

Saturday, West Texas A&M hosts Washburn in the first round of the Division II playoffs. Northwest hosts the winner, Nov. 24, at Bearcat Stadium.

"It'd be nice for a Texas team to come up here and play in this atmosphere since they're always complaining about how cold it is up here," tight end Mike Peterson said.

Since 2004, Northwest is 3-0 against LSC teams in the playoffs. Northwest shut out Midwestern State, 27-0, in last year's second round. In 2005, Northwest's NCAA playoff record of four consecutive road playoff wins began with a 45-14 win over Angelo State. In 2004, Texas A&M-Kingsville left Maryville with a 34-14 loss.

Northwest has never played West Texas A&M in the playoffs, but the Buffaloes have seen their share of MIAA competition. In 2005, West Texas lost 41-3 to Pittsburg State, who would go on to lose to Northwest in the quarterfinals. Defensive end Dallas Flynn likes the match up with the

"They're (West Texas) tough to match up with, athletically, but from a coaching standpoint, I think we'd rather play West Texas," Flynn said. "Their talent is usually good, but not?

as well coached as far as technique and all of that stuff." Before 2005, West Texas A&M finished near or at the botal tom of the LSC. Since coach Don Carthel's arrival in 2005, the Buffaloes have won back-to-back LSC championships. Last year, West Texas lost to Chadron State in the second round

of the playoffs. This season, the passing game brought West Texas to an 11-0 record. Junior quarterback Keith Null, a regional finalist for the Harlon Hill trophy, has thrown for over 3,200 yards with 33 touchdowns and has completed 67 percent of his ar

passes. Along with Matt McIntyre, who has eight touchdown passes, the Buffaloes average 386 passing yards a game. Redshirt freshman running back Keithon Flemming leads the Buffaloes' running attack. He ran for 1,139 yards and 12 touchdowns. Flemming hasn't had a 100-yard rushing game. since Oct. 27, when he ran for 201 yards and a touchdown

against Angelo State. "They're not as strong defensively as Washburn, but a tremendous offensive threat." Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

Defensively, opponents are averaging 204.5 yards per game through the air and 118.4 rushing yards a game. Brandon Swain leads the defensive line with 11 sacks, while Cashmin Thomas leads the secondary with five interceptions. The defense has allowed more than 30 points three times during the regular season and only one team. Abilene

Christian, is in the playoffs Whether West Texas or Washburn advances, Peterson said the team must be ready, regardless.

"I don't think it really matters too much," Peterson said. "Whichever team it is, you're going to have to come with the

Familiar foe could threaten title run

By Scott Levine Sports Editor.

If Washburn defeats West Texas A& Saturday, it would be starting a path familiar to the Northwest football team. In 2005, Northwest was in the same position as the Ichabods. A No. 6 seed, Northwest set off on a journey no other Division II team had ever conquered.

But the 'Cats made history. Northwest became the first team ever to make the national championship and not host a single playoff game.

Now Washburn hopes it's their turn. The No. 6 seeded Ichebods path to the national championship will have to be the road, and will make a stop in Maryville if they defeat West Texas A&M.

Washburn may also be looking for retribution. Not only

did Northwest already defeat them 28-27 earlier in the year, but during the 'Cats' run in 2005, their second round victory was over Washburn in Topeka, Kan. "It becomes a chess game for the coaching staff," North-

west coach Mel Tjeerdsma said about facing the same team twice. "It makes it interesting from a coaching standpoint. "Two years ago, we had some added momentum, and

it shouldn't be any different for Washburn. However, we should have some added momentum, too, because the last game was so close." The regular season's match-up was as close as it gets.

Joel Osborn orchestrated a last-minute drive to overcome Washburn during the homecoming contest. Osborn expects much of the same if Washburn returns

"We will see the same things if we see them again," Osborn said. "They were successful here last time, but we

shot ourselves in the foot a lot of times." Offensively, the 'Cats turned the ball over three times, but registered 340 total yards. Xavier Omon recorded 143 yards rushing, while Osborn notched 136 all-purpose yards.

The Northwest offense must stop Washburn linebacker Bruce Ringwood. Ringwood had 17 total tackles, while Zach Watkins added nine.

Defensively, the 'Cats will most likely focus on Washburn running back Brandon Walker. Walker torched the Northwest defense for 115 yards receiving and 46 yards rushing. They have good athletes and they can run and pass,' Northwest cornerback Chris LeFlore said, "Both teams will make adjustments. We'll just have to go with what match-

ups work best." Washburn running back Ra 'Shawn Mosley and quarterback Jordan Brill could also pose a threat. Mosley rushed for 101 yards during the first meeting, while Brill passed for

Brill's experience could also serve as a warning for

Northwest Starting against Northwest in the 2005 playoffs, Brill attained 296 passing yards in the loss. But Brill's experience doesn't stop there. He was the last

guarterback ever to record a victory at Bearcat Stadium when Washburn defeated the 'Cats earlier in the 2005 season. Once you hit the playoffs, you're 0-0," LeFlore said. "It doesn't matter what you did earlier in the season. All that matters is what happens when it's playoff time.



NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE END Dallas Flynn chases Washburn quarterback Jordan Brill during the Oct. 27 contest. Joel Osborn's touchdown pass to Kendall Wright with one minute remaining propelled Northwest to a 28-27 victory.

The argument over Andrew's in the altercation.

cell phone escalated when Hamm told Andrew to put his phone place, MHS students expressed away, she asked Andrew to hand her the phone and he replied Students wore white T-shirts "Nobody's going to take my bearing the handwritten slogan own child we wouldn't be here," mother f---ing phone," Hamm "Save The Hamm", while junior Martin said. "But she slapped The incident is the second of board a 183-signature petition

requests to put the phone away,

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its kind for Hamm. In May 2005, from students past and present, attorney representing Hamm Hamm received paid adminis- faculty and parents. trated leave and received a recomlordan after slapping a student.

Hamm left the classroom to immediately address the incident to Jordan and Scarbrough. Scarbrough, who had dealt with sev- the people she meets. eral previous outbursts involving student in the Maryville High School offices.

Andrew had a history of dealmost kids look to her as someone ings with juvenile authorities, as they want to keep as their friend book open and allow her to return well, Scarbrough said. Hamm had for the rest of their lives." previously described Andrew as and displaying unpredictable done, that it was her second such a binding agreement to resign

ety and Museum following the ety and Museum Curator/Director courthouse lawn. found Andrew "shaken, upset, Some old veterans wiped away "Nodaway County boys have tears, whether from the ceremony

Scarbrough also testified he to stay in the classroom.

on behalf of the Missouri State Both Jordan and Scarbrough Teachers Association, did not mendation to resign her position said Hamm's previous incident attempt to downplay Hamm's from NWTS Director Michael was not an example of her typical actions.

crying" but without a bruise. her face, Hamm issued one final

Andrew then told Scarbrough plea to the board.

TEACHER: 183 supporters sign petition

Andrew received a one-day

in-school suspension for his role

As Hamm's hearing took

their support in their own way.

Blair McClellan presented to the

Andrew then took out his Hamm had slapped him and that

cell phone, started sending text Scarbrough "had better do some-

messages and ignored Hamm's thing about it."

"The behavior that was exhib-Teri Welch, head of the NWTS ited on both sides of this question business department, finds that is not what we expect in school," Hamm leaves a lasting impact on Nasteff said.

"My students are like my own

In a closing statement, Duane

"Perhaps if she'd slapped her

John Nasteff, the Kansas City

children," Hamm said. "I truly

believe that every child can learn

and when they choose not to, I

Martin, the board's attorney,

reflected on Hamm's professed

feel that I have failed."

love for her students.

someone else's child."

Nasteff beseeched the board to "I have students coming in, not take what he called the "easy" Andrew, testified he found the begging to have Mrs. Hamm come route of terminating Hamm, based on the swell of support from her into the classroom," Welch said. "She has the type of style that colleagues and students.

"The hard way, is to keep the to the classroom," Nasteff said. Hamm volunteered to submit

having a "chip on his shoulder" understood what Hamm had to an unpaid leave of absence and offense, and they all wanted her in the wake of a future incident, should the board choose not to With tears streaming down terminate her contract.

CLASSROOMS: Project costs \$2.9m

McClellan said all who signed

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The Department classes were any problem." held in the mods until the beginwere separated around campus. like walking back and forth from Courter said. The Station to the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, student Dwayne

in particularly fellows and then So as Americans were spend- the girls that backed them up, that "I think that it is very disorgasaid. "I wish that we had been ing the national holiday Sun- gave their lives, or part of their nized that the University did not is better than the mods. day remembering the heroes lives so that the kids today and the fully think out the proper proce-Those barriers weren't con- and reflecting on what Veterans people today have the life that they dures before just getting rid of the held in trailers," Raphael Meñafined to the military, but the work Day means to them, Whitney had," Whitney said.

Because of the construction, the the issue." ning of Fall 2007, when classes Board of Regents voted on a tuition increase during the Spring 2007 have mixed feelings about the new Students in the department do not trimester to help fund constriction, Valk plans.

> tuition to help build a new building for the department," Looney said. Some students believe anything bother me that I have to pay money

"Classes should've never been

mods," Looney said. "I don't think Pate said. "Walking all over camtraveling around campus solves pus does not seem like an issue because the University is solving

Seniors who are graduating

"It doesn't seem really fair that "It's worth paying the extra I have to pay to fund something when I won't even be here," Nicole Root said. "But it doesn't really because people in the past have paid tuition dollars for buildings

Thanksquing T

Breakfast Buffet opens at 6:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Buffet open from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE Blue Key National Honor Society recently got in the "spirit" of things by trick or treating for United Way

VETERANS: Museum displaying metals

who gave the invocation and commitment the museum has to square, many residents lingered

benediction, was on hand at the honoring the county's war heroes, to view the names of local veterans

Nodaway County Historical Soci- Nodaway County Historical Soci- who adorned the memorial on the

museum's vice president, was there been involved with wars ever since or from memories past it was

The display includes medals

can't do these jobs, and women means to her.

MEMORIES: Gender barriers broken

were showing that they could,"

Tom Carneal said.

who served in various branches of display board they put together." they were there.

Post 100 Chaplain Bob Bohlken, can come and view, reinforcing the

to receive a case of medals from the county was organized in 1845," unclear.

The medals were presented in Stephen Mitchell, along with med-

"Men were saying that women reflected on what Veterans Day

After the ceremony on the

Years had worn on them, but

And they remembered.

was among them. And she, too,

"That means a lot of fellows,

a case that members of the public als from Ralph Auten.

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Bearcats lose senior receiver

University Sports Editor

Northwest wide receiver E.J. Falkner is off the Northwest football team. Coach Mel Tieerdsma confirmed during Tuesday's media luncheon that Falkner quit the team sometime last week.

Tjeerdsma wouldn't go into specifics on why Falkner quit, but indicated Northwest's changes on offense this season may have had something to do

"He struggled. He really struggled all year with injuries and hasn't had the opportunities he's had in the past," Tjeerdsma. "We're a different football team this year. We have a lot more emphasis on the run and we've got tight ends that are playing great. It makes it tough. I think we're a pretty good football team."

Wide receiver Kendall Wright was surprised by the news and said the team has to continue, despite the already depleted receiving corps with Falkner's departure and Rapheal Robinson out for the year with a torn Achilles tendon

"It was a real shock to me," Wright said. "We got to move on with or without him. I'm just trying to get ready for this playoff game. But I will miss him."

In nine games, Falkner had 23 catches for 159 yards and no touchdowns. Falkner enjoyed a careerbest 56 catches for 691 yards and three touchdowns last season when Northwest advanced to its second straight national championship game.

Falkner could not be reached for comment as of



NORTHWEST RUNNING BACK Sheldon Cook avoids two Missouri Southern tacklers during last Saturday's game. Cook and the offense produced 375 total yards.

Bye week brings familiar territory

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

West Texas A&M or Washburn, either way the Bearcats get extra time to prepare and get healthy. After going 9-1, the 'Cats have earned a week off before facing the winner of West Texas A&M and

"From a physical standpoint, it's a great time to heal," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "There's a bit of a psychological break as well ... it gives you a chance to refocus."

Tjeerdsma has experience with the bye week, and thinks it helps a team's preparation. The 'Cats had bye weeks in 2004 and 2006, winning after both.

In the 'Cats' case, preparation means game planning against Washburn on Tuesday and Wednesday and preparing for West Texas A&M on Thursday.

Northwest has less information on West Texas A&M, which is why it's receiving less attention, Tjeerdsma said. The bye week will also give the walking wounded, including quarterback Josh Mathews and linebacker Jared Erspamer, a chance to heal. Erspamer nicked his shoulder in last Saturday's game against Missouri

"If we had to play this week, I'd go," Erspamer said. "Toward the end of the season, it's about being mentally ready and mentally tough."

Players will have Friday and Saturday off to heal and relax. Friday is usually reserved for a walkthrough of Saturday's game plan.

"I might actually go back home," Erspamer said. "I got some friends in a pretty big wrestling tournament so I might go watch that."

Senior captain Mike Peterson might take the opportunity to watch football instead of playing it. "I might even go to the KU (Kansas) game with my

roommate Tommy Miller," Peterson said. Though the week off will give the 'Cats some time to relax, Peterson said it's important for the tearn to

commit to the three days of practice. "We need to make sure we're not just going through the motions," Peterson said, "It's a really good week to work on the little things."

■1st and 10, 12:30 p.m. E5PN --- If you're just waking up from

a late Thursday night or have a break between classes, watch

this show to feel better about yourself. Because after watching

t, you will know you are a better human being than at least one

Mike and Mike in the Morning, 5 a.m. ESPN 2—Sam Robinson

■Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 7 p.m. ABC — Everyone's forgetting

about that other Big 12 team, the one that's actually going to win

■Kansas City at Indianapolis, noon CBS — I'm going homer

this week and choosing my favorite college and pro teams as

■Arli\$\$, 12 a.m., ESPN Classic — In the underrated TV shows

pantheon, this one ranks somewhere between Spin City and the

Chris Rock Show. Watch as Arli\$\$'s Super Bowl party goes awry.

Syracuse at Uconn, 11 a.m. ESPN2 — Greg Robinson ruined

his one for me as he ran the Orange into the ground. Now, if

his were Boeheim vs. Calhoun, I'd set the alarm for this one, but

■Tennessee at Denver, 7:30 p.m. (Mon. night) ESPN — Playoff

■No. 16 Hawaii at Nevada, 10 p.m., ESPN2 — Hawaii's not

■No. 5 Missouri at Kansas State, 11:30 a.m. FSN — Missouri

usually has a let-down game before the KU game, but Chase

going anywhere but Colt Brennan's a fun quarterback to watch.

the Chiefs lose a really banged up team this week.

Terrell Davis and Ryan Leaf guest star.

since it's not, standard operating procedure.

Day's rating (1 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

he games to watch. With Indy so banged up, we'll get to see

the Big 12. Watch them prove dominance against Texas Tech.

witch over to ESPN 2 for some sports and comedy.

night still be up for this one. If you're still awake at this time

person on this earth --- Skip Bayless.

Border war will never be bigger than this

This is the game fans have waited a lifetime for.

Unless Mizzou (9-1) stumbles against Kansas State or KU (10-0) completely gags against Iowa State, next week's game at Arrowhead will be the biggest game ever between these bitter rivals.

The winner will take the Big 12 North and earn the right to face Oklahoma in the conference title game, which will decide who plays for a national championship. Two programs whose fans despise one

another are having arguably their greatest seasons in the same year with the loser of this epic showdown missing out on a BCS game.

In short, the border war's stakes have QB Todd Reesing also has 26 TD passes never been higher.

Throughout my entire life, MU and KU in the country. have been lousy programs. Even when they do post good seasons, they don't play in

MIAA

Team

1. Northwest

2. Washburn

3. Missouri Western

5. Central Missouri

6. Missouri Southern

10. Southwest Baptist

Results Last Week

2. Washburn beat Baptist

7. Truman beat Western

8. Fort Hays lost to Central

9. Emporia State lost to Pitt Sate

10. Baptist lost to Washburn

Scott's picks Prediction Record (22-14)

NCAA Upset Alert

NFL Lock

their only player.

NFL Upset Alert

New York at Detroit — Detroit

Purdue at Indiana - Indiana

Oklahoma at Texas Tech — Oklahoma

Take this one to the bank. I won't go into

much detail, but Purdue ruined my Satur-

Oakland at Minnesota - Minnesota

I was literally left with scraps when picking

NFL games. Games over a 10-point spread

can't be picked because Sam Robinson thinks

1. Northwest beat Southern

3. Western lost to Truman State

4. Pittsburg State beat Emporia State

6. Missouri Southern lost to Northwest 14-49

5. Central Missouri beat Fort Hays

4. Pittsburg State

7. Truman State

8. Fort Hays State

9. Emporia State

New Year's Day bowls. Neither school has appeared in a Janu-

POWERRANKINGS

0-11

SHORISTAR CAMBRICKS

62-0

37-28

10-31

Sam Robinson

Firing on all cylinders as Bearcats earn first round bye

Western blunder has Ichabods back in playoffs

Loss to Northwest decided Pitt State's playoff fate

Solid season, but never serious playoff contender

Throttled by Northwest, but a winning season is huge

Ticich diced up Western team that was looking ahead

Showed promise at beginning of year, but fizzled out

Nick Smart set single-season receptions record (143)

Prediction Record (15-21)

NCAA Upset Alert

NFL Upset Alert

day last weekend. I'm still riding high after is going to take care of Kansas at Arrowhead,

picking Iowa State over Colorado, so this is but a loss to Iowa State would put to bed any

A Met-like collapse is upon us. My big lead I'm not really sure how the Titans are 6-3.

there's no way this pick happens. Once again exactly lighting up the NFL right now. Lexpect

I get the dung heap of picks because I am it to be an ugly defensive game, but the Titans

West Virginia at Cincinnati — W.V.

Iowa State at Kansas — Iowa State

Arizona at Cincinnati — Cincinnati

Tennessee at Denver — Tennessee

win on Monday Night Football.

Hopefully the Vikes get the job done without Hockey team in our fantasy football league Friday's, and will take his frustrations out on

talk of national championship.

Red Raiders to continue on their downward wins big to stay within ear shot of the national year but after seeing that score, I'm not.

I'm staying true to my word, even if Iowa State

is horrible outside of Ames. I believe Missouri

nst good competition. I'm not —yards per game and Steve Slaton and Pat — K-State gave up 73 last week to Nebraska. I

they are too easy. So I'm left with this crap. off the biggest upset since the 1980 U.S. invitation for the big birthday bash at TGI they won't.

Never established an identity on either side of the ball

Griffons earned trip to Mineral Water Bowl

teams aren't Cin-topping Mizzou's tales of heartbreak.

Daniel is fifth in improbable game-ending plays, but noth-kick a ball to a teammate. the nation in pass- ing compares to an admitted blown call ing yards and has costing your team the game. No team has attention for the first time and players on 26 touchdown endured this horrific form of losing quite both sides of the border gear up for the tosses, while KU like the Tigers.

Big 12

1. Oklahoma

5. Oklahoma State

Kansas

6. Texas Tech

7. Texas A&M

8. Colorado

9. Nebraska

10. Iowa State

12. Baylor

11. Kansas State

Results last week

1. Oklahoma beat Baylor

4. Texas beat Texas Tech

Prediction Record (17-19)

Missouri at Kansas State — Mizzou

Bowling Green at Buffalo - Buffalo

After what happened last time, the Bulls will

be ready to go. Bowling Green's AD appar-

ently tried to cancel the game because he

was so afraid, but was told that his petrified

Palmer to throw some touchdown passes. He The man is still playing NFL football at 44. Jets going to stop this guy? How are they

failed me last week as Sam Robinson pulled - I hear Brett Favre is upset for not getting an - going to move the ball? Simple answer ...

Earnest Graham still rushes for 200 yards.

NWMSU and MHS Top Athletes of the Fall

squad had to show up. Recipe for disaster

Carolina at Green Bay - Green Bay

the underachieving Panthers.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta — Atlanta

NFL Upset Alert

NCAA Lock

my friend.

NFL Lock

NCAA Upset Alert

This game is predicated on Texas Tech being West Virginia is third in the nation in rush. This line is only seven points. That's a joke. My boys, Sam and Scott warned me that Wake

completely sold on Oklahoma, but I need the White are the biggest reasons. West Virginia was worried about this game for the Tigers all Wake isn't going to lose at home will they?

I'm picking the Bengals because I need Carson Let's all wish Vinny T a happy birthday.

will probably vanish this week, because—Vince Young is ineffective, but Denver isn't—and Tampa is just 5-4. Tampa usually doesn't—Turner. If Tomlinson can overcome Norv—

2. Kansas beat Oklahoma St. 43-28

3. Missouri beat Texas A&M 40-26

5. Oklahoma St. lost to Kansas 28-43

6. Texas Tech lost to Texas 43-59

3. Missouri

4. Texas

and leads the second-best scoring offense rado's fourth-down try at the goal line, only KU's story is great, coming from This resulted in the Buffaloes scoring on a deserve just as much to be a part of a game nowhere to have the best season in its history, but the Tigers and their fans deserve pionship two months later.

to watch the referees miscount the downs.

Seven years later, the Tigers found

5-5 (3-3)

7-4 (3-4)

6-5 (3-4)

5-5 (3-4)

59-43

If you're not from Missouri or don't themselves one play away from beating since 1979, 10 know any Mizzou fans, then you probably another No. 1 team and notching the biggest years after the last—are in the dark about their misery. I've main—regular-season win in their history. But, on time_either_won__tained for years that this is most unfortunate__fourth down, Husker receiver Matt Davison_ team to be a fan of in sports. Boston Red Sox dropped the ball, but kicked it over his head This year's or Buffalo Bills fans cannot come close to to his teammate to tie the game. Nebraska would win in overtime and parlay the for-Espn.com ranked the Top 5 worst—tune from the "immaculate deception," as Both can play with calls in sports history a few years ago and it is known in Missouri, to a national title. any team in the Missouri football appeared twice on the The NCAA sent Missouri another formal country. Chase list. There are painful chokes by players, letter of apology, as it's illegal to purposely

> So as this showdown draws national game of their lives, fans of these perennial In 1990, Mizzou stopped No. 1 Cololetdowns get a chance to be involved in the biggest match-up of theirs. Despite my hatred for KU fans, they

> > where they remember where they were when they watched it. This will be that game.

9-1 (5-1) Had better not look past Tech and OSU

10-0 (6-0) Only Cylcones remain on way to border war of a lifetime

Have little chance of upsetting Oklahoma

Just have to get by reeling Wildcats, then onto Arrowhead

What's the deal with Ames? Teams seem to hate going there

Look out Kansas, the 'Clones are on a two-game win streak

Could form doormat league with Duke, Temple and others

Won track meet against Tech, quietly having great year

Came back against KU, will be bowl eligible this week

Nearly caused riot in Columbia, but fell apart late

5-6 (2-5) Could be first time in history team's allowed 70 then scored it

Win over Texas nullified by brutal loss in Lincoln

7. Texas A&M lost to Mizzou 26-40

8. Colorado lost to Iowa St. 28-31

9. Nebraska beat Kansas St. 73-31

10. Iowa State beat Colorado 31-28

11. Kansas St. lost to Nebraska 31-73

12. Baylor lost to Oklahoma 21-45

Prediction Record (22-14)

North Carolina St. at Wake Forest — WF

is down. To that I say they're coming back

Penn St. at Michigan St. -- Michigan St.

Again, my genius is being questioned.

watched Michigan St. kill Purdue last week.

I'm breaking my own rule and counting on

Pittsburgh at NY Jets — Pittsburgh

Michigan State, but they played so well last

Pittsburgh is good. The Jets aren't. I've been

saying it all season, Big Ben is back, and now

he's doing it with his legs too. How are the

San Diego at Jacksonville - San Diego

San Diego should have some confidence after

beating Indy. The only thing that will keep

NCAA Lock

week they earned it.

NFL Upset Alert

The Falcons have quietly won two in a row San Diego from beating Jacksonville is Norv

play very well in the Georgia Dome. I hope Turner and make sure Phillip Rivers isn't

for my fantasy team's sake the Bucs lose but allowed to throw the ball, Chargers should

AT YOUR LEISURE

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday (11-15-07) This year is about bringing order out of chaos, possibly in your own home. You have the will, but do you know the way? No problem, you can look that up Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 6 - Recent career demands mean you've put off a few household chores. Remember that if you're inspired to invite everybody over for dinner. Give yourself Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — There will be a test soon. Learn from a person who has your best interests at heart. Accept the coaching and you can achieve more status and more money. Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 — As you gain financial

security, you'll think of new things you need. This is why you need an overall plan if you want to reach big goals. Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 — Decide what you're going

to make happen, and then start figuring out

how. Together, you can find the resources you'll need to achieve the goal. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — Your questions will be answered soon. Meanwhile, keep doing your

job. Be patient, there's not time for a lengthy Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — Naturally, taking a break is a prelude to new workplace ideas.

By changing this and that you'll get even closer to perfection. You love it when this Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 6 — Make sure your family has everything they need. Make it all look nice, too, you'll be wanting to entertain soon. This is not just for fun, it's also to advance Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Don't worry about a domestic issue, even if it's baffling. You may be the one who brings clarity to the situation. Make a decision, and work from there. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6 — Recycling can save you a lot if you go about it wisely. For example, don't forget to take the stuff with you and cash it in. That goes for coupons, too. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Soon you'll be able to get

down to work and start raking in the money. Fine-tune your plan and then get busy with the first item on your list. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 - You're gaining status not

from what you say, though that's impressive. No, people are more interested in seeing what you do. You don't have to say a thing. Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 - Who would believe

you'd turn out to be the spokesperson for the whole group! Your shyness disappears and you wrap up the controversy in a phrase.

Your Man is thankful

I've been waiting to write this column for three weeks because Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Not because it means seeing relatives everyone in the family hates and making fun of them, or because I know my uncle will get drunk and crack a rib

trying to wrestle our T.V. stand (that crazy bastard, I love him). No, Thanksgiving is truly about one thing. Giving thanks for how good we have it. I think some of us have gotten away from remembering the things we're thankful for, and so, I'd like to get the holiday started off right by letting you know what I am thankful for this year.

"Natural," "male" and "enhancement" are my three favorite words this year. If God was unable to give me the requirements for being a man then modern medicine will.

I'm sure you've seen the commercials. A guy jumps into a swimming pool, his trunks fall off and all the people around are awestruck at what he's packing. Trust me, that commercial is 100 percent accurate. I've tried it, but it will get you banned from public pools and put on a special list.

I feel like a new man. If they could only come up with something to straighten it out. Maybe next

Loyal readers Like this guy:

"So sad the Stroller has come to this, the editors need to bring in a new Stroller for the new year, it is really making the Missourian look like it was produced at MWSU. I'm through wasting my time reading a column that could be written better by an eighth grader." — "MC," posted Nov. 8, 2007, on Nwmissourinews.com.

And this guy: "If your future is in journalism then you should consider possibly changing your major!! I am curious why you felt compelled to reference prostitution and strip clubs concerning an organization that is for the benefit of NWMSU!! You might

as well — the HEALTH CENTER!! A mental evaluation might be warranted!! ... A quote from Mohandas Gandhi 'I believe in equality for everyone, except reporters and photographers'" — "Ban The Man," posted Oct. 18,

service that you pay for

2007, on Nwmissourin-That's only part of the comment. This guy felt it necessary to write a book rivaling "War and Peace" in length.

You may ask, why are you thankful for people like that? They hate your guts. They used a Gandhi quote in response to a story about the SAC. Wouldn't only a pompous, self-righteous, pseudo-intellectual d-bag do something like that?

Yes, that's all true, but that's exactly why I love them. It's great to hear from the nine or so people who like the Stroller, but it's much more humorous for me to read the comments of the people who may have lost their grip on reality and use exclamation points to let everyone know how mad they are.

Those are my type of people. Northwest Missouri State University

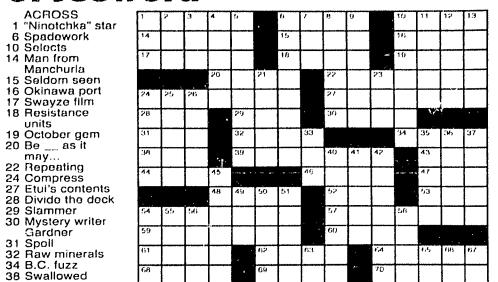
Oh yeah. Go Bearcats. Yes, I poke fun at this institution repeatedly. I crack jokes at the expense of Dean Hubbard and SAC and the squirrels on campus, so it's only fitting that I should be thankful for those things. Without the SAC there would be no me. Without the squirrels there would be no me. Without Dean Hubbard ... well, without him I would still be here, but the other two — no way.

There is a laundry list of other things I'm thankful for from Valtrex (herpes meds) to Shotgun Jenny's (strip club) to Macho Man Randy Savage, but I don't have the time or the space.

So be thankful for the things you have, and maybe the things you don't have ... syphilis for example.

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'Lions for Lambs' shows little lion, much lamb

By Katelyn Ronning Missourian Reporter

MOVIE REVIEW

Whife the previews proved to be more exciting than the actual film, "Lions for Lambs" does a fabulous job

at making its audience think. "Lions for Lambs" is a political would-be thriller starring Tom Cruise and Meryl Streep. It is the first film under Cruise's new production company, United Artists.

"Lions for Lambs" takes on three different story segments. The first segment starts in Washington, D.C., where we see young Republican senator Jasper Irving (Cruise) being interviewed by journalist Janine Roth (Streep).

Roth created a good image of Irving in the public eye through previous interviews and so Irving has his the service instead of carrying out their hopes set on her working her magic yet again. He wants to announce a military surge in the war in Afghanistan and wants Roth to pitch this idea to the professor. American public in a good light. This

senator and the Bush administration to pitch. The surge has some negative while Irving is gung-ho about their outcome and the movie ends with across.

plan. Roth brings up much better Hayes watching CNN. An anchor is points than the senator, although promoting a pop singer's new album Irving appeared to show more enthu- release while the fallen soldiers' names siasm about this war than our current scroll across the bottom of the screen.

(newcomer Andrew Garfield), a student who is very intelligent, but lazy in attendance. Their debate turns into the classic argument of a cynical college student, where he sees no point in trying to change a world that is too

corrupted as is. This dives smoothly into the third segment of the movie. The third storyline takes place in Afghanistan, where we find two of the on a hot topic. professor's former students aboard a helicopter. The two men have joined more-than-promising college careers

after being inspired to do something

Roth questions the motifs of the the war that Senator Irving is trying

It is difficult to tell whether this The second storyline is in Los film is anti-Bush's war or not. The Angeles. A political science professor main message that I received from this tries to get a rise out of Todd Hayes movie is just for the American public to stop being so apathetic towards the

War on Terror and to do something. The movie was dry in that it was a lot of talk and little action, which normally doesn't appeal to most American audiences. We tend to like the glitz and glamour. In that aspect, it was a little drab. The topic, however, sparked interest and takes a new angle

Cruise portrayed the role of a conservative senator pretty well. He has the right appearance and

gave an enthusiastic, yet stiff performance, which fits the role written. meaningful by their political science Streep is always a knockout in her films. She gave a powerful perfor-As I said, both are aboard a heli-mance, which added to the fact that copter, which is part of the surge in her character trumped Cruise's. Overall, "Lions for Lambs" was

really humdrum, but got a good point

MUSIC REVIEW

Radiohead releases free album; available online

By Jeremiah Wall

Fans worldwide patiently

"In Rainbows," Radiohead's

iTunes or the UK's 7digital, a high quality, MP3-like download.

in their designer imported boots lyrics ever since. While the ramifications of

Shortly after "Hail to the Thief"

There has been quite the buzz

Missourian Photographer

waited for the new Radiohead album that was released Oct. 10. do was wait in line at the record

seventh studio album, was is apparent, at the same time released online via the band's they're still covering new terribuilds and builds, then fades Web site, and for free no less. was released in 2003, the band's contract with Capitol Records expired. This was also around collecting new material for a new album. There was suspicion that Radiohead was working to release churning guitars and vocals. the new effort online, but few suspected that it would be done bows" has its slower moments be the most uplifting music. This without the help of someone like in "Nude" and "All I Need." My album, while it contains darker

following the release. Record label CEOs have been shaking—complex and nearly agonizing—to like about free legal music?

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"Faust Arp," "Reckoner" and

"House of Cards," showcasing such a project are still a bit unclear, what listeners across the globe the band's craftsmanship in the have agreed on is that Radiohead studio with the use of everything However, what they did not has put out yet another world- from a small string section to finclass album.

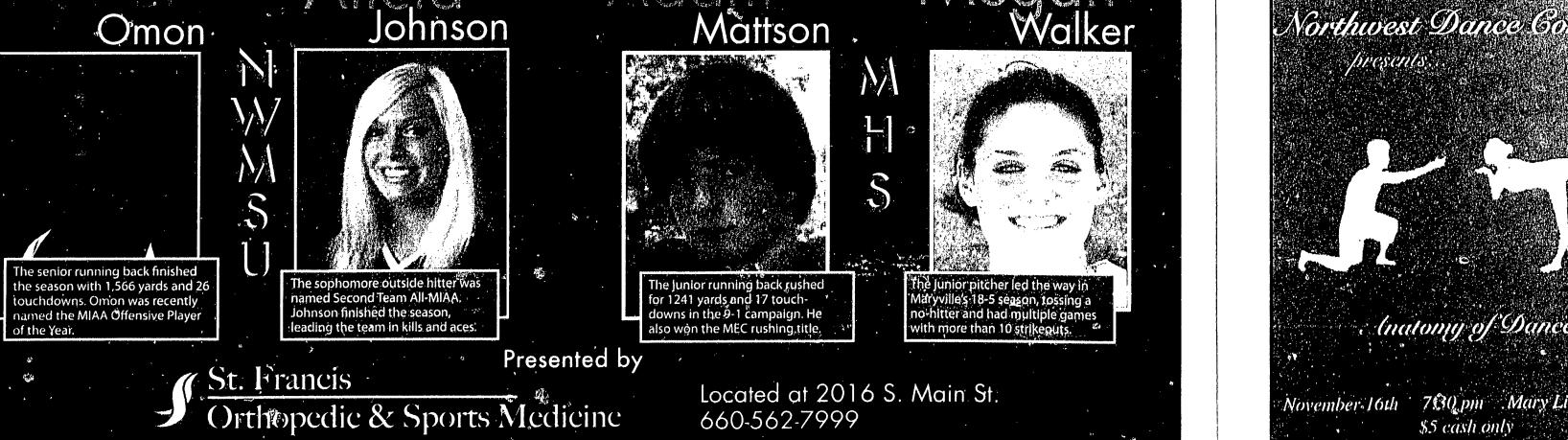
Throughout the album, bits and pieces of classic Radiohead tory. The first track, "15 Steps," away until all that is left is a loopis reminiscent of "Kid A," dipping ing piano. back to electronic beats and floating falsettos. "Bodysnatchers" and "Jigsaw Falling into Place" remind listeners of the days old,

In a regular fashion, "In Rain-

ger cymbals. "Videotape" is the curtaincioser. Familiar to Yorke's solo work, the closing track slowly

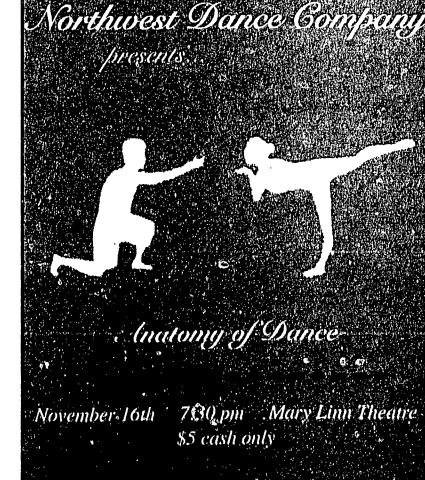
The album floats on through

While the early Radiohead may have been out of reach to some, and the most recent may not have been enough to satisfy harnessing "Paranoid Android" the die-hard fans, this album like angst into a beautiful mess of finds a middle ground somewhere between. Tried and true fans know that Radiohead might not personal favorite, the off-tempo shades of the blues, covers the "Weird Fishes," gives listeners a lighter hues of the rainbow with chance to tap their feet while pon- a strange hopefulness and optidering lead singer Tom Yorke's mism to it. And really, what's not



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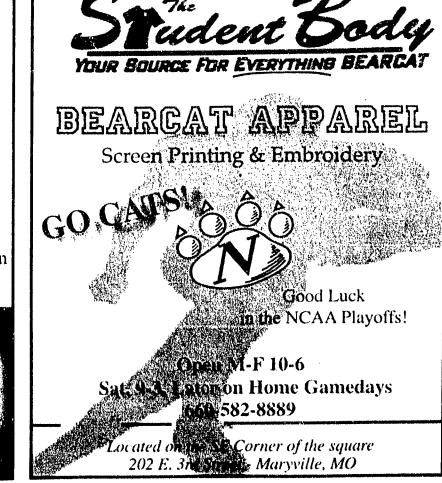


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Whispered Prayers

Local worshippers find needed answers in a 'Secret Place'

By Whitney Keyes
Asst. Features Editor

Bright red and green paint covered the walls in the bathroom. The carpet was unbearable.

Now, the walls have been covered up by purple paint, with lighter purple striping up to the ceiling. Soft music flows through the air, weaving its way in between the used furniture, which all seems to match though not part of a set. Water trickles over the smooth, rounded stones in fountains placed throughout the house.

The Secret Place, located on Main Street, is a house devoted to prayer and helping people feel the presence of God.

"I wanted to create an atmosphere where the presence of God dwells," Sandra Smail said.

In addition to her job as the Recorder of Deeds for Nodaway County, Smail is one of the founders of The Secret Place. The house, which had its ribbon cutting on Aug. 16, is open Monday nights 6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. The Web site is up and running at Thesecretplacemaryville.org.

The house offers a quiet place for people to sit, listen to music, journal or read the Bible. It also features healing rooms, where trained helpers can sit and pray for spiritual or physical healing.

"We want it to be real. There's a lot out there that isn't real — we want people to have real encounters with God," Smail said.

The foundation of this house started 12 years ago, when Smail and Cathy Barr became best friends after meeting through a church in St. Joseph. Neither one of them knew that one invitation to lunch would lead to such a strong friendship.

Fast-forwarding through the years, as the two continued their friendship in the midst of their hectic lives, they were inspired.

Aglow International, an organization in which they were both involved, offers prayer rooms at its retreats. Similar to this, Kansas City is home to International House of Prayer, a 24-hour ministry for prayer.

Seeing these ministries inspired Smail and Barr to do something similar in Maryville.

"I really feel like this is developing into what we feel like God wants us to do in this region," Smail said.

So the two, along with the efforts of others, rented 910 S. Main St. and set to work. A former

college rental, the house needed some definite repair work. After taking a few minutes on their lunch break, or a couple of hours on the weekends, the house started to look more and more like they wanted.

A hard wood floor where carpet once covered reflects light through the open windows. The bathroom and kitchen have been re-tiled, and fresh paint shines off the wall.

On one wall, a framed painting of flowers has been carefully hung. Smail, sitting on a flowered couch from Craigslist.org, told of its origin, the sun shining in behind her through the thin curtains.

"The lady who led me to the Lord at 14 painted that for me," she said with a smile. "She's in her 90s now, didn't pick up a paintbrush until her 70s. She painted that for me and I told her it would always have a place of prominence in my house."

Like the painting, several other decorations are from Smail's house. An Indian warhorse sits in one corner, reminding all who see it to charge toward adversity.

"Life is a battle, like with my son, it was a matter of life and death," Barr said, in reference to her son and his fight with leukemia in 2006. "You need kind people to get you through it."

Similar to the wide assortment of eclectic furniture, The Secret Place attracts all sorts of people. Smail and Barr stress that the house is not affiliated with a church or associated with a denomination.

However that doesn't stop people from coming, or people from praying. Also, the house is operated by all sorts of people, the pair said.

"Like a quilt, it takes all different people and personalities to make something beautiful,"
Barr said.

The personalities, which mesh together to serve people at The Secret Place, though not counselors, are there to help. Through prayer, care and concern, their desire is to create an atmosphere to get away from it all and feel the presence of God.

Goals for the house are numerous, and Smail and Barr hope to see it grow. But in the mean-time, they are more than happy to be serving their God.

"It's not just about numbers, if we can just help one person," Smail said, trailing off. "We all want to do something to make a difference—it's a God-given thing."



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DECORATIONS IN THE house are widely varied, from this display of bread, a jug of water and a cross to an Indian warhorse statue which sits in another room.





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Let to right) MEG OFFENBAKER, Sharon Davison and Lawrence Bruce pray in The Secret Place's Balling Room. The Soaking Room is the largest room in the house and aims to help citizens feel the

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Expectations high as top 4 scorers return

By Scott Levine Sports Editor

Northwest women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer knew expectations would rise.

Even before his team took the floor last season. Steinmeyer envisioned what this year's squad could

"This is the year we've been pointing towards." Steinmeyer said. "When we went into last year, I ways, she's a deceptive rebounder and she has an thought if we could get this team into the tournament, then we'd see what we could do next year.

"Well we got into the tournament and now we'll see."

With the team's returning from a squad that

made the NCAA tournament last year, it's no wonder the team has higher

expectations. higher expectations as a team," senior cocaptain April Miller said. "This has been the most physical and competitive offseason

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Mandi Schumacher, Meghan Brue, Kelli Nelson and Lauren Williams return after leading last year's team in scoring. Brue, a junior, registered 12.7 points per game last season

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sentatives on the MIAA all-conference list. Williams nabbed a spot on the MIAA all-defensive feam. while Schumacher and Brue attained honorable mention all-conference honors

"Well I hope the teams in the conference haven't caught on to what Meghan's all about." Steinmeyer said. "She's a fooler. She gets her shots in unusual uncanny ability to get to the (free throw) line."

That uncanny ability beloed her set a Northwest record for free throws made in a season with 130. breaking the old mark of 116.

"(Brue's) not afraid of anything," Steinmeyer said. "The thing is she looks more confident and top four scorers stronger than she was last year, too. Hopefully that equates into a bigger year for her."

Brue and company are predicted to finish third in the MIAA behind Emporia State and Washburn. The 'Cats finished tourth last year and eventually lost to West Text A&M in the NCAA tournament's

"The whole key to our league is to win the games you should, and then win a couple you shouldn't," Steinmeyer said. "Last year we won every game we should have, with one "We have exception."

That one exception was a loss against Pittsburg State at home. However, Northwest returned the favor when they defeated the Gorillas on the road later in the season.

To compete for a conference title this year, though, the women must fare better against nationally ranked opponents. Last year, Northwest finished 0-10 against teams ranked

With all but one starter returning and seven newcomers added, the 'Cats seem poised for another NCAA tournament run. Katie O'Grady

Our Five Star

Brue was named the team's MVP and joined—is the lone starter missing off last year's 18-12. Schumacher and Williams as the team's lone repre-team. O'Grady averaged 9.5 points per game, while nailing 55 3-pointers. Steinmeyer said Jessica Burton will take the vacated starting spot, while Brue, Williams and Miller will hold the other positions. North Florida transfer Andrea Dill and Mandi Schumacher will battle for the starting post position.

Schumacher is 91 points shy of breaking 1,000 points for her career.

"What hurt Mandi last year was her inconsistency." Steinmeyer said, "Some games she was " really good and some she didn't shoot well.

"Andrea Dill is versatile. She can go inside and outside. She adds a real piece to the puzzle offensively. She just needs to pick up on the defensive end.'

Point guard Alicia Bell and shooting guard Nelson will also vie for starting time. Steinmeyer said. Nelson is moving to shooting guard full time after spending last year playing multiple guard positions.

"Last year, without as many people, there wasn't as much competition as there is this year." Nelson said. "Everyone is competing for a spot and playing time. The competition makes you better when facing other teams. North-

west opens the season at 5:30 p.m., Friday, against Evangel during the Winstead-Reeves Classic at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats return to action at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, against Avila at Bearcat Arena.



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Defense holds key to success

Sports Editor

It looked as if the Northwest women's basketball team would wear the glass slipper. Entering the contest, the Bearcats were the No. 7 regional seed, squaring off against the 28-4, No. 2 seed West Texas A&M.

On paper, it seemed Buffalo standout Emily Brister would torch a Northwest defense allowing 67.5 points per game. But entering halftime, Brister had only six points and her tear trailed 33-32.

The second half was something Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer had seen before and wants fixed for this season. Bris-

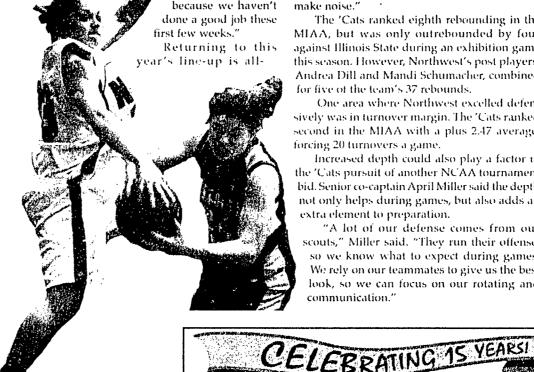
ter busted out with 14 second half points and West Texas A&M outscored Northwest 55-39 en route to an 87-72 victory.

"We need to improve on defense," Stein meyer said. "Some teams we could play straight up man and get away with it, and some leams we couldn't control their best shooter. Then we would have to do gimmick stuff. I would rather be able to play straight up man and control their best player.'

Guiding a team that had the sixth best scoring defense in the MIAA, Steinmeyer said he wants to make teams feel their pressure at all times.

"I would love for us to make teams play 94 feet," Steinmeyer said. "Whether that is through pressure or something, I want them to feel our presence. I don't know if we can accomplish that.

because we haven't done a good job these first few weeks." Returning to this year's line-up is all-



NORTHWEST GUARD

APRIL Miller blocks an attempted shot

Kuczynski last year at Bearcat Arena.

by Missouri Southern guard Karina



NORTHWEST FORWARD LAUREN Williams fights for possession of the ball against Truman State guard Natalie Schupbach during last year's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats beat the Bulldogs 80-57.

> MIAA defensive team member Lauren Williams Williams generally drew the opposing team's best weapon, and ranked seventh in the MIAA with 2.17 steals per game.

Senior co-captain Kelli Nelson finished second in the MIAA with 2.4 steals per game.

"We've been working on our communication and specific drills with defense," Nelson said. "We need to have intensity and go hard at all times on the defensive end."

Communication and rebounding were two defensive aspects Steinmeyer and the team pointed to as lacking last year. Steinmeyer said it's not just saying something, but saying something constructive.

"Communication is one thing, but the right and smart communication is another." Steinmeyer said. "I'd rather have a player yelling something important than have one just making noise.

"We need to communicate rather than just make noise."

The 'Cats ranked eighth rebounding in the MIAA, but was only outrebounded by four against Illinois State during an exhibition game this season. However, Northwest's post players Andrea Dill and Mandi Schumacher, combined for five of the team's 37 rebounds.

One area where Northwest excelled defen sively was in turnover margin. The 'Cats ranked second in the MIAA with a plus 2.47 average, forcing 20 turnovers a game.

Increased depth could also play a factor in the 'Cats pursuit of another NCAA tournament bid. Senior co-captain April Miller said the depth not only helps during games, but also adds an extra element to preparation.

"A lot of our defense comes from our scouts." Miller said, "They run their offense, so we know what to expect during games. We rely on our teammates to give us the best look, so we can focus on our rotating and

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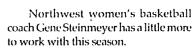
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After having only 10 players last season. Steinmeyer added six new play ers, giving them 14 players total.

The newcomers are a mixture of freshman and transfers, including forward Andrea Dill, a senior transfer from North Florida University. "I expect everyone to just work

hard and push each other, and expect to win games," Dill said of how she hopes the team will work together. Team chemistry is often a problem

when bringing in new players, but that isn't the case so far, Dill said. Dill is one of two players who could

see significant playing time this season. The other is Alicia Bell, a freshman from Benton High School in St. Joseph. "She's a freshman. She's tough.

She's trying to take playing time from other people, and everyone loves her, Steinmeyer said. The rest of the newcomers include

freshmen Emma Frost-Briley and Melissa Nyquist, sophomore Toni Gordon and junior Amber Vandevender. "They bring some versatility that we didn't have last year," Steinmeyer said.

"We can change our looks. We can start four big kids if we want. Junior forward Mandi Schumacher is a returning starter who may have to share time with Dill, but that doesn't throw off the team's chemistry. Schu-









Melissa Nyquist

Toni Gorden

"I think since we have such a tight bond, they've kind of seen the chemistry we already have and don't disrupt it, Schumacher said.

Both Dill and Bell saw at least 20 minutes of playing time in Northwest's 83-63 exhibition loss to Illinois State. Combined they registered 13 points, four rebounds and three assists.

The newcomers have a chance to make an impression during the Winstead-Reeves Classic.

The 'Cats will play their first game of the tournament at 5:30 p.m., Friday, at

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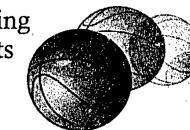
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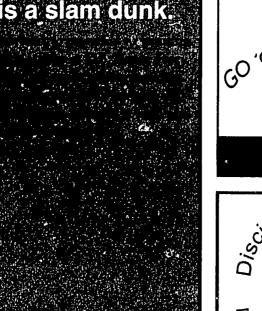
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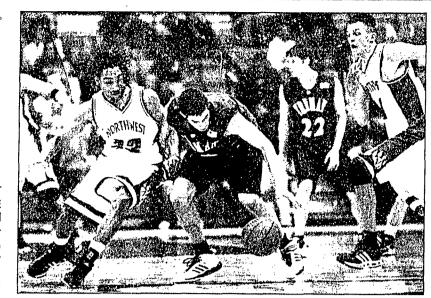




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NORTHWEST **GUARD LANCE** Sullivan and forward Hunter Henry return to a team that finished first in the

MIAA MEN'S CAPSULES



Coach: Steve Tappmeyer

Record: 372-185 (20th season) Record last year: 24-7, 15-3 MIAA (Tied for first in MIAA) Playoffs: Lost to Central Missouri, 72-61, in regional

Key returners: F Hunter Henry (17.6 ppg, 7.5 rpg), G Lance fullivan (11.4 ppg), G Mose Howard (13.5 ppg*) *2005-2006 Keylosses:GReggieRobinson(6.4ppg), FVictorJames(4.0ppg) Key newcomers: Andrais Thornton, Elijah Allen



Record: 109-45 (Sixth season) Record last year: 31-4, 15-3 MIAA (Tied for first in MIAA,

Playoffs: Lost to Winona State, 90-85 OT, in Division II

Key returners: G Fred Dudley (4.4 ppg. 1.7 rpg), F Kevin Wollbrinck (1.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg) Key losses: G Zack Wright (19.1 ppg, 6.1 rpg), F Darryl

sommerset (13.0 ppg, 7.3 rpg), Key newcomers: C Walter Battle, G De'Andre Byrd



Pittsburg State

Record: 225-127 (13th season) Record last year: 18-13, 9-9 MIAA (Fifth in MIAA) Playoffs: Lost to Northwest, 74-53, in regional opener Key returners: FCory Abercrombie (14.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg), G CarosTaylor(10.1 ppg), FMichael Hutchingson (4.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg) Key losses: F Ed Morris (14.1 ppg, 8.3 rpg), G Keith Windom 7.7 ppg, 1.1 spg)

ey newcomers: G Aaron Jackson, G Jarez Howard



Emporia State

Zoach: David Moe Record: 100-71 (Sixth season Record last year: 21-8, 12-6 MIAA (Third in MIAA) regional opener

Key returners: G DeAndre Townsend (19.1 ppg, 4.1 apg) F

Nes Book (13.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg) Key losses: G Donta Watson (19.1 ppg), F Ed Desir (5.7

ppg, 8.1 rpg) Key newcomers: G Marvin Lee, G Jordan Stout



Coach: Tom Smith Record: 376-183 (19th season) Record last year: 12-15, 5-13 MIAA (Tied for eighth in MIAA) Key returners: G Joe Manthe (14.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg), F Jay McFarland (10.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg) Key losses: G J.R. Reed (15.6 ppg) Key newcomers: G Xiro Noavaloth, F Reggie Bunch



Southwest Baptist

Coach: leff Guiot

Record last year: 16-12, 10-8 MIAA (Fourth in MIAA) Key returners: F Jim Grabowski (13 3 ppg, 5.6 rpg), C Matt Rogers (7.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg)

Key losses: G Jason Jemison (16.0 ppg), F Jared Young ers: F Nick Kovacevich, C John Tiemeyer



Fort Hays State

Coach: Mark Johnson Record last year: 13-15, 6-12 MIAA (Seventh in MIAA) Playoffs: None Key returners: G Colin Olberding (3.3 ppg), F Tim Peintner Key losses: F Jeff Pruitt (13.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg)



Coach: lack Schrader Record: 140-192 (13th season) Record last year: 16-13, 9-9 MIAA (Tied for fifth) Playoffs: None Key returners: F Nick Certa (14.1 ppg), G Banks Estridge Key losses: F Andy Calmes (10.9 ppg, 9.6 rpg), Key newcomers: C Veselin Filchev, F Ethan Freeman



Record: 628-240 (29th season) Record last year: 8-19, 4-14 MIAA (10th in MIAA) Key returners: G Andrew Meile (9.1 ppg), F Kyle Snyder (5.0 ppg, 7.8 rpg) Key losses: Frank Phifer (15.3 ppg, 6.6 rpg) Key newcomers: F Dei Dei, F Darnell Kimbl



Missouri Souther

Record: 273-237 (19th season) Record last year: 10-18, 5-13 (Tied for eighth) Key returners: G T.J. Britton (9.6 ppg, 7.8 rpg), G Stanley Titsworth (11.0 ppg) Key losses: F Deonte Cox (13.6 ppg) Key newcomers: F Matt Monroe, F Vincent Ateba



NORTHWEST GUARD LANCE SULLIVAN walks off the court as the Central Missouri Mules colebrate in the background after the Bearcats lost to the Mules 72-61 during the semi-final game held in

Disappointment not an option for talented team

By Brett Barger University Sports Editor

n coach Steve Tappmeyer's 20 years at Northwest, he never had a team play with the kind of chemistry last year's

Without leading scorer and point guard Mose Howard, the Bearcats won a share of the MIAA regular season championship and advanced to the regional semifinals.

"It's a little bit like having your career round of golf and as you come off, someone tells you to do it again," Tappmeyer said, as he begins his 20th season. "Common sense would tell you that we have a chance to be pretty good. I'm always a little more paranoid than that, but it's a team that I'm really excited about coaching."

Howard, who tore his anterior cruciate igament (ACL) in his knee during workouts following the 2005-2006 season, is back as Northwest begins the season Friday against Baker (Kan.) in the opening round of the Ryland Milner Classic at Bearcat Arena. That

year, Howard averaged 13.5 points and made Hawkins is also back, but will be sidelined the it gets frustrating to players," Tappmeyer said. first three games of the season with a patella the MIAA All-Defensive team tendon strain in his knee. Tappmever said he's

"It's very exciting to be back on the court," Howard said. "It was big not to play and still be a part of the team."

MIAA Player of the Year Hunter Henry returns after averaging 17.6 points and 7.5 rebounds. With MIAA Freshman of the Year Lance Sullivan, who averaged 11.4 points per game and shot 35 percent from 3-point range, Tappmeyer said the trio has the most talent he's seen in his time at Northwest.

"I feel like these group of guys are also multi-dimensional guys that are unselfish, so 4 in the NABC and Sporting News magazine that part of it, I feel like, gives us a chance of having good chemistry," Tappmeyer said.

Henry said the return of Howard brings ball. In Northwest's seven losses last season, opponents shot better than 40 percent.

"We weren't terrible defensively last year, right down the court and I think Mose really adds to that," Henry said.

All-MIAA Defensive performer John

"Rankings really can't do anything positive for you," Sullivan said. "I feel like the sky's more intensity on the defensive side of the the limit for us. I think the key for us is to play as a team, be humble and make sacrifices."

expected to be back in time for the Southern

too quick, it can end his season," Tappmeyer

Cayruth, and Eddie Gray all expected to make

contributions, Northwest isn't the underdog

that its accustomed to being. Northwest is No.

1 in the MIAA preseason coaches poll and No.

"It's the type of injury where if he starts

With Matt Withers, Andy Peterson, Kelvin

Indiana Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 23.

Tappmeyer, who always prefers to be the underdog, said the team has responded well to but we kind of lacked that motor on ball motor—the preseason hype, but stresses that chemistry is important.

that if you don't have immediate success that

"I think we have a pretty good upside, but I think so much of it is going to be, can we get anywhere close to the chemistry we had last

While Sullivan, Howard and Henry, start at the two-guard and forward spots, position battles remain. Peterson and Withers started last season at forward. However, Cayruth and transfer Andrais Thornton are expected to compete for those starting sports. Thornton comes to Northwest after sitting out a year and last played at Southeast Missouri State in the 2005-2006 season.

"There are positions to be battled for, but we're more of an eight-man starting team and we worry more about who's finishing, rather than who's starting," Tappmeyer said

Sullivan said the team has the talent to return Northwest to the Elite Eight for the first time since the 2003-2004 season.

"It's definitely in the back of everybody's mind, but everybody has to understand that "I think you get wrapped up in being good — it's a day-by-day progress thing," Sullivan said. "But we have signs of potential greatness."

Team addressing last season's repeated rebounding difficulties

By Brett Barger University Sports Editor

The common theme in film study since practice began on Oct. 15 has been rebound-

"We've broken down a lot of film, individually and as a team just on rebounding already this year." Hunter Henry said, who averaged a team best 7.5 rebounds a game last season. "It was one of our main concerns."

Northwest finished a 24-7 season with a minus-47 rebounding margin. In Northwest's 72-61 regional semifinal loss to Central Missouri, the Mules outrebounded the Bearcats, 35-20. In games where Northwest was outrebounded by double digits, the Bearcats

"We worked hard in practice, but when we got into games, we just wouldn't execute," Henry said. "We just got pounded on the boards."

Coach Steve Tappmeyer said his team allowing too much dribble penetration contributed to the deficits because it put players out of rebounding position. To help solve the problem, Northwest signed transfer senior Andrais Thornton Thornton sat out last year and last played at Southeast Missouri State during the 2005-2006 season. At SEMO, Thornton averaged 6.6 rebounds a game

Tappmeyer said he also plans to use returner Kelvin Cavruth at the three more this season

"I like to think those things are going to contribute to us being a better rebounding team, which will hopefully help us be a more consistent team, Tappmeyer said. Even Henry

admitted he got pushed around a lot inside during practice and in games last season. In the offseason, he added 20 pounds to his 190-pound frame. "You don't see it, but it's

there." Henry said, "I feel a little more explosive than I did last year. I added some strength in the offseason. In practice, I'm not getting pushed around as much. I feel like I'm holding my own inside more."

Tappmeyer also believes a more



NORTHWEST **FORWARD HUNTER** Henry averaged 7.5 rebound a game last year. Henry is the reigning MIAA Player of the Year.

rgeries to correct the problem. "The doctor said he played with a lot pain last year and this took away a lot of his mobility," Tappmeyer said. "He just looks so much more athletic now than he did last year." Henry recognizes the target on the teams' back and said the team cannot take it to the next level if it encounters the same problems

healthier Matt Withers will help the rebound-

ing situation. Withers averaged 4.3 rebounds

n non-conference games and dropped to 3.8

in conference play, while battling knee and

ankle problems. Withers had two offseason

on the glass. "We had some games last year where I don't want to say we got lucky, but we sneaked away with some close wins," Henry said. "This year, everybody is going to give it their best shot. We're just going to have be that much better with a target on our back. It's about hanging up another banner, an even

bigger one."

Veteran team fuels boys' season

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

MARYVILLE

junior Adam

the ball down

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the court during

last year's game

Maryville High School. The

HIGH SCHOOL

The 2007-2008 Spoothound boys' basketball team lost their two tallest players from last season. But what they're losing in height, they will try to make up in skill.

"We are going to be more experienced," coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We've got five very solid seniors that all played a lot last year."

All totaled, the 'Flounds have nine upperclassmen that Kuwitzky thinks will see playing time in an attempt to improve on the 8-16 record of last year's team.

To do that, Kuwitzky wants his team to learn to close

"We lost a lot of games late where we just didn't finish them off," Kuwitzky said.

Part of the team's problems last year stemmed from poor free throw shooting and a lack of conditioning toward the end of games, senior Andy Walter said.

Walter also acknowledged the team's loss of height with the graduation of John Hart and Blake Jensen, but said that the team could be even better with Aaron Dueker and Sudhoff, who are shorter but quicker and

> "I think we can actually be a better rebounding team and be a little more mobile this year," Kuwitzky said agreeing

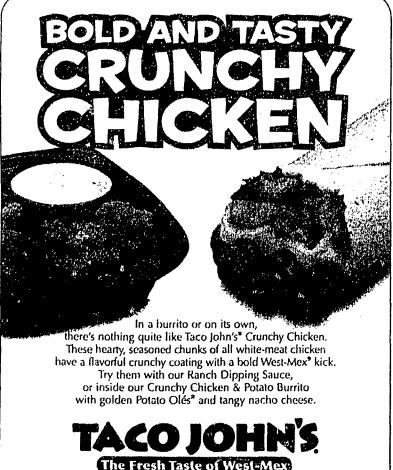
Kuwitzky will count on his team's versatility shooting and teamwork to improve from lasi

"I think we can definitely play better than last year," Walter said. "It'll just take hard work from everyone and dedication to the team.

Walter is the team's lone all-conference selection from last season.

The 'Hounds will play their first game at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 30, in Auburn, Neb. l'heir first home game is at 7 p.m., Dec. 3, ngainst Harrison High School.

Once again this year, Maryville will host the Nodaway County Tournament running



Depth, quickness gives girls new expectations for season

By Sam Robinson Community Sports Editor

In a year that has seen nearly every Maryville High School team drastically improve, the girls' basketball team could be the next squad to take the leap.

After wallowing near the bottom of the MEC for the last two seasons, coach Grant Hageman is eagerly awaiting the season as he returns nearly the entire team and is all but guaranteeing a different kind of season

"We have really high expectations this year," Hageman said. "We've seen a lot of individual improvements and had a lot of success towards the end of last season and into this summer, so we're excited about this season. We've only won eight games in the last two years and we're definitely going to surpass that this year."

Last season, after losing 18 of their first 20 games, the Spoothounds won three of their last four, including a defeat of No. 2-seed Trenton in the district tournament's first round.

While Maryville lost its highest scorer from a year ago, Jaclyn Guess, the remainder of the contributors are back.

Seniors Jordan Gadbois and Leah Wilmes will likely reappear in the starting lineup. Forward Genesse Stoll, who sports a 245-pound squat, will look to use her newfound strength to help her team in the paint.

The two sophomores who shined in the two district games also will be in the varsity rotation. Meridee Scott scored a career-high 19 points against Trenton, while Emily Kisker tallied 11 in their emifinal loss to Brookfield.

Fourteen freshmen join this group, giving Hageman a multitude of options

really good shooters in that group," he said. "We're still trying to figure out where they're all going to fit in."

Hageman sees the most mprovement in auickness and hopes the large core of players can light up the scoreboard. The 'Hounds' depth should provide more fresh players for opponents to handle.

"We're twice as quick and twice as fast as we were last year," he said. "We're going to be a running team (and) a pressing team, so on any given night, we hope to see four, maybe five people hit double digits. "We have a lot of depth,

that's why we have high expectations. If we have someone that's just not hitting that night, we have somebody that we can hopefully pull off the bench."

In addition to the many freshmen and returning players, Maryville's depth is even bigger, having two players who've traveled unconventional routes to be on this

Senior Blair McClellan returns to a team she probably has a hard time recognizing as she started on the 2005 squad as a freshman. A knee injury sidelined her for the last two years.

Following a setback very early last season, the embattled McClellan insists she'll be able to help her teammates during her final one.

"It's been hard," McClellan said. went to the first practice (last year) and hurt myself, so I worked on rehabbing



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND junior Genesse Stoll gets surrounded by Chillicothe defenders during last year's game. The 'Hounds lost to the Lady

> back), I love basketball and I'm really excited to play with these girls."

> The other player set to make an nediate impact is junior center Megan Walker, who transferred from Worth County and already made her presence known on the softball diamond

Replacing Guess may not be as hard Hageman previously envisioned.

"We got real lucky," he said. "We're going to miss Jaclyn, but Megan Walker has definitely filled the gap and we're really excited about what she can do. Jaclyn was a bit taller, so she could play well with her back to the basket, rise up and shoot over people. Megan's a little more aggressive, so she'll take it right

While equipped with many weapons, both old and new, a loaded conference still awaits. Benton won Class 4's title, while Smithville, Savannah and Platte County each finished at least seven games over .500. The 'Hounds have only won one MEC game (last season over Cameron) in the past two years.

Hageman believes this team can compete in MEC play and challenge for a district title and ultimately turn around the team. Most of his players had roles in doing just that on the softball and volleyball teams.

Winning early is the first step as the team's initial goal is to leave Bishop LeBlond (a 20-6 state qualifier) undefeated.

"Success for this team is a winning ecord," Hageman said. "We don't want to lose a home game and (we want to) try to be above .500 on the road. But the nain goal is to get a district championship. We're looking to get out and start with a 3-0 record and then go in and play LeBlond. I'm really excited about that game. If we play hard and together, we

State tournament experience drives season

Community Sports Editor

Apparently getting seven wrestlers to state is not good enough for the Maryville wrestling team.

Last season, after being one of the few Spoofhound teams to experience success, the wrestling squad hits the mat this season after losing only one state qualifier.

The other six remain, and immediately after their trips to the Class 1 State Tournament ended, began eying this season. as the one where they leap onto the medal stand.

"The kids were very enthusiastic last year after the season and they did a lot of work this summer," coach Joe Drake said. "We've had a winning season the last two years, (but) the boys want to improve on their number of wins, especially within the conference. Just sending seven to state is not good enough, they want to be placers."

Maryville's (12-9) top finisher, Clift Robertson, graduated, but he leaves behind a team whose starting lineup looks very

"Every one of those kids that was a starter last year is a key returner for us because he's looking to step right back in and be a starter again," Drake said. "Maybe not at the exact same weight, but we've got a lot of experience coming back this year for a change.

While the weight classes have yet to be determined since the majority of the starting lineup was on the football team and has just begun practicing, many spots will be spoken for.

The highest returning state finisher (5th, 119 pounds) is sophomore Dannen Merrill. Dannen's older brother Dakota-(140 pounds) also qualified for state and returns for his final

Seniors Tanner Archer and Luke Lancaster were captains on the football team and figure to emerge as leaders on the mat as well. Sophomore 125-pounder, Derek DeMott, and 145-pound Jacob Zech round out the returning state qualifiers Zech grew substantially over the summer and will move upat least two weight classes, Drake said.

Despite being involved in other sports, most of the wrestlers stayed involved with their winter sport by attending camps, or dueling with teammates at weekly sessions in the gym.

"You can definitely tell the ones that spent some time either

going to camps or wrestling this summer because their skill level hasn't regressed from doing nothing," Drake said. Both Dakota and Dannen attended the Purlor Wrestling Acad-

emy, which is a summer-long camp. Because of all the work done in the offseason and the experience

on this team. Dakota, who will be limited early on after dislocating his elbow on the gridiron, believes a far better season is in the

"I think we'll be loads better than last year," Dakota said. "We just didn't lose much from last year and we were successful. I think we'll be one of the top teams in the conference this year. We should do well in districts and possibly well at state, possibly win it. It just

WRESTLING 07-08 SCHEDULE

Dec. 18 — JY/Y Plattsburg, 7 p.m.
Jan. 3 — JY/Y at Lafayette, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 5 — Y at Mid Buchanan tournament, 8 a.m.

Dec. 15 — V at Trenton tournament, TBA

Jan. 12 — V at Plattsburg duals, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 17 — JV/V at Platte County, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 — JV/V at Benton, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 — JV/V at Smithville, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 29 — JY/V at Savannah, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 — JY/V at St. Pius X, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 2 — V at Albany tournament, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 8-9 — V at districts, TBA

Jan. 26 — JV/V Quad State Classic tournament, 10 a.m.

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wrestling meet

Jan. 8 — JY/Y Chillicothe, 7 p.m.

Jan. 15 — JV/V Cameron, 7 p.m.

Dec. 7-8 -- V at Lexington tournament, 3 p.m.; 10 a.m.



at Maryville High School. Zech lost to Morgan in the match

depends on how hard people are going to work."

Dakota's prediction with regards to the MEC will be a difficult task with many conference foes coming off dominant campaigns. Platte County won the Class 2 title by 47 points and Cameron placed sixth in Class 1 with 95 points, 70 ahead of Maryville's final

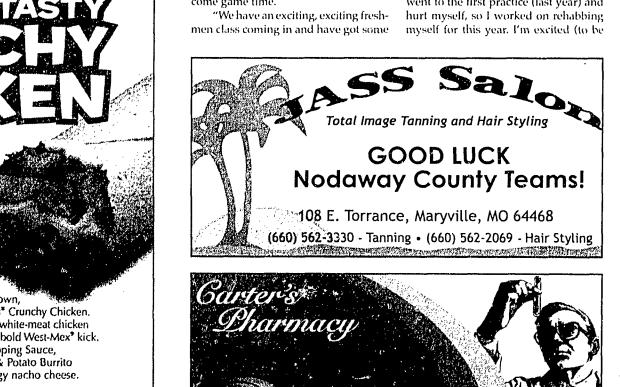
The Pirates return five all-state grapplers and two state champions while the Dragons return two all-state members. Savannah,

who beat Maryville twice last year, and Benton will

also be strong, Drake said. Even after being in a rare position of returning

"We haven't talked about goals from their perspective yet," he said. "Every year when we set goals, the goals are theirs. I learned very early in my career that my goals are not always the same as theirs and then we have a huge conflict when that happens. I know already they want to improve on their dual records, especially within the conference. The boys who went to state last year have a desire







Record: 227-53 (10th season)

Record last year: 22-8, 14-4 MIAA (Third in MIAA)

Playoffs: Lost to Texas A&M-Commerce, 81-77, in regional opener Key returners: F Michelle Stueve (18.2 ppg, 9.3 rpg), G Cassondra

Boston (12.1 ppg), G Jamie Augustyn (9.4 ppg) Key losses: Casey Henningsen, Carolyn Dorsey

Key newcomers: Alli Volkens, Brittney Miller

Season outlook: Went to OT with Big XII opponent Kansas in exhibition. Look for two-time All-American Michelle Stueve to take this team deep into the tournament.



Coach: Ronald McHenry

Record: 188-37 (8th season)

Record last year: 29-4, 15-3 MIAA (Second in MIAA)

Playoffs: Lost to Texas A&M-Commerce, 71-70, in regional final Key returners: F Amanda Holmes (11.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg), G Corkey Stiger

(13.4 ppg), C Renata Germano (3.9 ppg) Key losses: Brooke Ubelaker, Cindy Keeley

Key newcomers: Brette Ulsaker, Alyssa Mullen

Season outlook: The Lady Blues must replace the scoring of Brooke Ubelaker and the defensive play of Cindy Keeley. If they can find production in those areas, look for the Lady Blues to threaten for a conference championship.



Northwest

Record: 473-254 (24th season)

Record last year: 18-12, 10-8 MIAA (Fourth in MIAA)

Playoffs: Lost to West Texas A&M, 87-72, in regional ope

Key returners: G Meghan Brue (12.7 ppg), F Lauren Williams (9.7 ppg, 5.5 rpg), F Mandi Schumacher (11.7 ppg, 6.5 ppg)

Key losses: Katie O'Grady, Ashley Baker

Key newcomers: Andrea Dill, Alicia Bell

Season outlook: Team returns four starters and adds six newcomers. Had trouble beating the upper echelon last year. If they can defeat the upper level teams, then they have a good shot at challenging for a conference crown.



Coach: Lynn Plett

Record: 185-178 (14th season)

Record last year: 30-4, 16-2 MIAA (First in MIAA) Playoffs: Lost to Texas A&M-Commerce, 73-72, in

Keyreturners:FJillJohnson(14.0ppg, 8.0rpg), GYanique Javois(10.3ppg), FAmanda Thomas(1.8ppg) Key losses: Ashleigh Curry, Inga Buzoka

Key newcomers: Lauren Nolke, Tierra Ford

Season outlook: Finished first last season, but lost leading scorer and rebounder from last year. New coach Lynn Plett could make this team the conference's wild card.



Coach: Maryann Mitts

Record: 181-128 (12th season)

Record last year: 14-13, 7-11 MIAA (Tied for fifth

in MIAA)

Key returners: G Robin Kantin (12.0 ppg), F Tyneshia Pierce (12.5 ppg, 6.8 rpg), G Danielle DeVader Key losses: Dana-Mae Robbs, Katrina Kuczynski

Key newcomers: Lindsey Davis, Nichole Helfrich

Season outlook: If they can find a scorer to replace Dana-Mae Robbs, the Lions have a chance to be a surprise contender in the conference.



Coach: Dave Slife

Record: 442-131 (19th season)

Record last year: 14-14, 7-11 MIAA (Tied for fifth in

Key returners: G Lindsey Maple (13.5 ppg), F Jojuana Jones (4.4 ppg), G Stephenie Cook (4.1 ppg) Key losses: Kim Battle, Tamara Vincent

Key newcomers: Dominica Blakemore, Deidra Dace

Season outlook: To challenge for a tournament bid, the Jennies must learn to win on the road. Last season, the team went 1-8 away from home against conference opponents.



Pittsburg State

Coach: Lane Lord

Record: First season

Record last year: 11-16, 6-12 MIAA (Eighth in

MIAA)

Key returners: F Marissa Poppe (9.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg), F

Emily Sloan (2.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg), G Katelyn Hinkin (3.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg)

Key losses: Candice Gilbert, Anna Nimz Key newcomers: Liz Witte, Deprice Taylor

Season outlook: Another new coach in the MIAA. Pitt State looked good against Missouri in preseason, but we'll see if they can close victories against MIAA opponents.



Southwest Baptist

Coach: Jim Middleton

Record: 218-148 (14th season)

Record last year: 15-13, 7-11 MIAA (Tied for fifth in MIAA)

Key returners: G Erika Souza (7.6 ppg), G Rachel Graves (8.5 ppg, 5.2 rpg), G Cortney Shewmaker (11.0 ppg, 2.9 rpg)

Key losses: Livia Brito, Amber Wheeler

Key newcomers: Katelin Cutbirth, Sharee Hurt

Season outlook: Started last season 8-1, before going 7-12 over their final 19 games. One of these teams that finished tied for fifth should

contend with the top teams.



Coach: Annette Wiles

Record: 124-74 (8th season)

Record last year: 14-13, 5-13 MIAA (Ninth in MIAA)

Key returners: G Sheena Kuntzsch (10.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg), G Meshia Mason

(4.4 ppg, 4.0 apg), F Brianna Willhite (10.4 ppg)

Key losses: Ashlee Gustin, Katie Rausch

Key newcomers: Erica Biel, Angela Long

Season outlook: In order for this team to have chance to make the MIAA tournament, they must replace leading scorer Ashlee Gustin.



Coach: John Sloop

Record: 71-118 (8th season)

Record last year: 8-19, 3-15 MIAA (10th in MIAA)

Key returners: F Georgia Mueller (17.8 ppg, 8.6 rpg), G Katie Fowler

(6.6 ppg, 2.4 apg), G Candace McGee (11.8 ppg)

Key losses: Natalie Schupbach

Key newcomers: Laken Enochs, Natalie Fleming

Season outlook: The Bulldogs lost nine straight to end last season. However, Georgia Mueller returns as the team leader. The team will rely heavily on her as she led them in three different statistical categorice last year

*Look for a full preview of indoor track in the regular issue during December

